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# We'll hit Czechs,

## says Rudi!

By KYLE PATTERSON

*It's tough at the top*



Puff, pant, whoooo... we've made it!

Mark Jankovics (left), Eddie Krncevic, Peter Sherne and Greg Woodhouse (rear) at the top of one of the steepest sections of the Great Wall of China.

Will the Socceroos continue their climb against Czechoslovakia? Turn inside for our report on the China tour and our preview of the three-match series against the Czechs.

Australian coach Rudi Gutendorf's commitment to attack will be put to the acid test when the Socceroos face the current European champion, Czechoslovakia in Canberra on Sunday in the first of three matches

Gutendorf and his players will need all the courage and conviction they can muster if the attacking policy is to be successful against them to conquer mighty West Germany in the European final in 1976.

The recent tour of China saw the emergence of the Australian team. Gutendorf has promised — an aggressive and attacking unit, so aggressive that often seven or eight players would push right up into attack, leaving the defence vulnerable.

But will the tactics that crushed Chinese provincial teams be equally successful against the European champions? Gutendorf may have his doubts, but no fears.

"I will attack as I did in China," he said this week. "If we lose we lose, but we must attack."

Czechoslovakia, which is coached by former Australian team boss Josef Venglos, is the first of many star-studded teams which visit Australia this year to mark 100 years of soccer in this country.

England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Yugoslavia will send national teams here this year. Leading club teams Real Madrid (Spain), Bayern Munich and Borussia Moenchengladbach (West Germany) are likely tourists.

Czechoslovakia recently thrashed Luxembourg 4-0 in Prague to ensure qualification for the 1980 European championships in

Italy. Scorers are Marian Masny (2), Panenka and Vizek.

The victory was achieved without star striker Zdenek Nehoda, who is injured. Nehoda, Masny and defensive giant Anton Ondrus are the stars of the team.

Because Czech players are in peak fitness, compared with the Australians' summer lull, coach Gutendorf may base his selection around Marconi, which has been active recently with a tour of Indonesia.

Victorians Jimmy

Rooney and Tommy Cumming look definite starters and Greg Woodhouse probably will play in goals.

• Turn to pages eight and nine for a special supplement on the Czechs' tour.

## AUSTRALIA vs CZECHOSLOVAKIA



## Nally to push for TV

By  
Laurie Schwab

Patrick Nally, the dynamic young man behind the Australian Soccer Federation's \$1 million windfall, returns early next month to help put local soccer back on television.

The network or networks that accept Nally's proposal will get TV rights to Philips League soccer, the World Cup, the 1981 world youth championship, English soccer and European competitions.

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# MARCONI UNBEATEN ON ASIAN TOUR

Peter Raskopoulos had a memorable introduction to his new club, Marconi, during its three-match tour of Indonesia. Marconi returned home last week after winning the three matches with a goals tally of 11-0.

Raskopoulos, transferred from Sydney Olympic for \$15,000 just before the tour, fitted well into the team in the first match, a 4-0 victory over Djakarta.

With Ivo Prskalo still holidaying in Yugoslavia and John Russell unable to get time off work for the tour, Tony Henderson dropped back into defence, creating a midfield vacancy for Raskopoulos.

Gary Byrne and Roberto Vieri were the other two midfielders, while Peter Brogan took Russell's centre back position.

A former Rugby player, Raskopoulos was introduced to the Olympic first team at the age of 15 and went on to play

for the Australian youth team in New Zealand and Paraguay early last year.

The tour of Indonesia served as valuable pre-season preparation for Marconi.

Club secretary Michael Urukalo said he was confident Marconi would win the Philips League championship for the second year in a row.

He was also pleased with the form of Vieri, the veteran midfielder who was so brilliant in 1978 but hampered by injuries last year.

His training like a young kid, I'm amazed at his enthusiasm," Urukalo said.

Marconi opened its 12-day tour by turning on its finest soccer against Djakarta in front of 25,000 people at the Indonesian National Stadium.

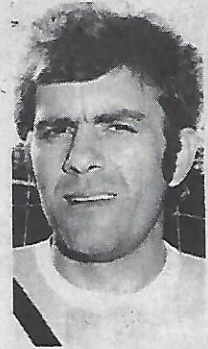
The goals, scored by Peter Sharpe, Eddie Krncevic, Tony Henderson and Mark Jankovic, were all magnificent.

Best players were Henderson, Sharpe, Vieri, and Allan Maher.

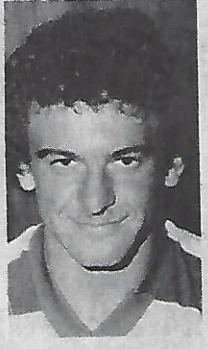
The next game, in Surabaya, was against NIAC Mitra, and Marconi won 2-0 with goals by Henderson and Jankovic.

However, Marconi's performance was marred when Krncevic and Byrne were sent off over arguing with the referee in the second half.

"The refereeing was atrocious but our players should not have carried on the way they did," Urukalo said.



Roberto Vieri



Peter Raskopoulos

"Krncevic and Byrne both will be fined."

Henderson was the outstanding player of this match. He stood head and shoulders above the rest.

Marconi scored its biggest victory, 5-0, against Persebaya, the representative amateur team. Henderson, Krncevic, Richie Williams, Bertie Mariani and Byrne scored the goals, and Krncevic, Byrne, Vieri and Henderson were the best players.

"The most difficult thing about the trip was the heat," Urukalo said. "It was up around 29 degrees, and the humidity was very high."

"But the hospitality we were shown was fantastic. Dr

Frank Hutasoit, chairman of the Indonesian FA, looked after us exceptionally well. Travel, food and accommodation were all first class."

Marconi's trip was made possible by the sponsorship of Alitalia. Due to heavily reduced fare, and \$15,000 income from match fees, Marconi was able to finish financially in front.

Urukalo said Marconi hoped to tour again at the end of this year — to the Philippines or perhaps the U.S.

He said Marconi was considering signing forward Hodzic of Velez Mostar but had not made a move for Tommy Cumming of Essendon Croatia.



Bobby Charlton will play in Blacktown's opening league match against St. George at Gabbie Stadium. He guested with Newcastle KB United in 1978. Here he is having a drink with the then Newcastle chairman, Max Talbot, who is now chairman of the Philips League.

## Harris, Harding reunited



George Harris



Ian Hunter

Former Socceroo team mates David Harding and George Harris have been reunited at Blacktown City, which is preparing for its first season in the Philips League.

Harris, capped 26 times for Australia, left St. George on a free transfer. He spent 11 years as a senior player with St. George.

Harding, capped 20 times, joined Blacktown in early 1978 from Western Suburbs. He previously was with Pan Hellenic.

Harris will be a valuable asset to Blacktown, but the

club's most exciting acquisition is striker Ian Hunter from Nepean. Hunter was in the 1978 Australian youth team that played in New Zealand and Paraguay.

Other new men at Blacktown are midfielder Bill Amey, a New Zealand international who played for Newcastle KB United before joining Queensland State League club Townsville, and Michael Harris, a young goalkeeper from Nepean.

Coach Mick Jones also has signed striker Paul Wilkinson, 22, 6ft. lin., who scored 24 goals for Bottle in the Cheshire League last season. He came to Bottle via Everton and Tranmere Rovers.

Jones said he was still looking for a few defenders. Blacktown has started improving the seating at Gabbie Stadium and is looking forward to solid support from the local district.

The main Blacktown players, apart from the latest recruits, are goalkeeper Bruce James, defenders Neil Taylor, Laurie Parkhouse, Cliff Pointer and Eduardo Pena, midfielders Harding, Gary Thompson and Ricky Hornmazel and forwards Alan Fishers, Jim Isatt and Neil Pearson.

Coach Jones has been with the club for seven years. During this time he led Blacktown to three premierships. He also won championships with Hakoah, Granville and Kuringali.

Pan Hellenic, Manly and Melita Eagles are other clubs he has coached.

The great Bobby Charlton will play for Blacktown in its first home match against St. George on the weekend of March 9-10.

Charlton is coming to Australia primarily to do promotion work for Dunlop Footwear. He will be here for a week.

The former Manchester United star made guest appearances for Newcastle KB United in 1978.

However, Socceroo defender Col Bennett had still not re-signed late last week.

Lions will play at its own ground at Richlands instead of Perry Park this year. The ground is a 40-minute drive from the airport, so it may affect flight arrangements of visiting teams.

Adelaide City is interested in Lions striker Tony Brennan, so



New coach Rocco Ille (centre) calls for a united effort to lift J.U.S.T. up the PSL ladder. Players Jim Kondarios (left), Jim O'Reilly, Peter Ollerton and Zdravko Lujic pledge their support.

## Ille seeks new players to boost Footscray

Rocco Ille faces a tough assignment in his first coaching job with Footscray J.U.S.T.

The former Yugoslav and Pan Hellenic forward will try to transform J.U.S.T. from 1979 strugglers into 1980 winners. To do so, he hopes to sign a

few good players — from Yugoslavia and Sydney.

Ille, 37, returned four months ago from Yugoslavia where he studied coaching full-time for two years.

After playing with Zadar in the Yugoslav Second Division, Ille helped LASK Linz win the Austrian championship two years running, and then returned

home to play for Zagreb in the Yugoslav First Division.

He joined Yugal in 1969, linking up with Ilija Takac and Joe Alagic to complete a talented attack.

After five seasons with Yugal, he spent two years with Pan Hellenic before going to Yugoslavia to study coaching in 1976.



Johan Verweij (on ground) of New Zealand slides in to thwart Australia's Agenor Muniz.

## VERWEIJ TO LIONS?

Brisbane Lions hope to sign New Zealand international striker Johan Verweij.

Verweij was one of the best players in New Zealand's 1-0 victory over Australia in Auckland last year.

Alan Niven is back after a lay-off due to a broken ankle, and Lions have acquired utility player Steve Hogg from Canberra City.

However, Socceroo defender Col Bennett had still not re-signed late last week.

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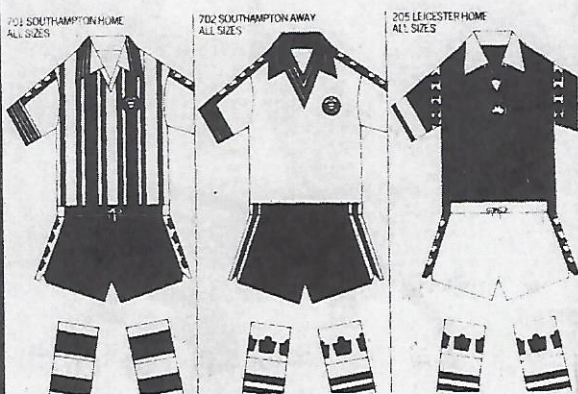
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## 'Soccer Action' New Year Honors Labbozzetta, Burin are top club men

In recognition of valuable contributions and outstanding personal achievements in soccer — in the international and local scenes — 'Soccer Action' presents its second New Year's Honors list.

This year 26 players, coaches and administrators have been bestowed with our 'soccer knighthood'.

### WORLD LIST

RON GREENWOOD — (England, team manager) — Has brought about a revival in English soccer with a refreshing attacking outlook. The English national team is a world force again and is setting a fine example for English clubs to follow.

KEVIN KEEGAN — (English international) — Was named European player of the year for the second time after a sensational season with Hamburg in West Germany. He is an exciting player, and a key figure in Greenwood's English team.

DIEGO MARADONA — (Argentinian international) — Made an explosive arrival in world soccer and was quickly hailed as the new Pele, when still only a teenager. Maradona helped Argentina win the Youth World Cup, and is sure to be the leading player when his country defends the FIFA World Cup in Spain 1992.

CESAR MENOTTI — (Argentinian team manager) — Has two World Cup victories under his belt, and is hailed as perhaps the best coach in the world. Menotti is a firm believer in attacking soccer and Argentina won both its world titles in fine style.

JUPP DERWALL — (West Germany, team manager) — Took over the reins from Helmut Schoen after the 1978 World Cup, and has progressively rebuilt West Germany into a powerful combination.

### AUSTRALIAN LIST

TONY BOSKOVIC — (Referee) — Was named Referee of the year by the Australian Soccer Press Association, and has given many years of fine service to soccer in this country.

WALTER VALER — (Inter Monaro) — May soon join Canberra City and test his goalkeeping prowess in the Phillips League. Was top scorer in the NSW State League in 1979.

SEBASTIAN GIAMPOALO — (Inter Monaro) — Also likely to join Canberra City and parade his skills in the PSL. Has represented both NSW and Australia, and is a player of the future.

GERRY CHALDI — (West Adelaide coach) — Former Sydney City coach who is highly-respected in his field. Chaldi was Coach of the year in 1978, and now hopes to achieve success with West Adelaide. He is the only coach to win a trophy in each season of the PSL.

LEN MCKENDRY — (Victoria, team manager) — Has achieved remarkable success, leading Victoria to wins over AEK Athens, Partizan Belgrade and Red Star Belgrade. His intelligent coaching has improved many players, as well as make Victoria a powerful combination.

RAY POCOCK — (Victorian coach) — Guided Western Suburbs into the Victorian State League in his first season as a coach. The former Australian and Victorian representative is without a club at present, but has a big future in coaching.

TONY LABBOZZETTA — (Marconi president) — Is the chief of perhaps the best organized and professional club in Australia. His years of hard work were rewarded when Marconi won the 1979 PSL championship.

JOHNNY AND BUGSY NYSKOHUS — (Adelaide City) — Adelaide's footballing brothers were the stars in the 1979 Phillips Cup final, which saw Adelaide City win its first national honor with a victory over St George.

RUDI GUTENDORF — (Australia, team manager) — The colorful and controversial West German took the national team on a successful tour of China and has a victory over the New York Cosmos under his belt. His dynamic style has attracted national media coverage for soccer as the game enters a new era.

JIM TANSEY — (Australian international) — Was the best player on the Socceroos' tour of China and is an exciting and attacking full back with Heidelberg Utd and Victoria.

JIM ROONEY — (Australian international captain) — Was overlooked as a national team player by Gutendorf for a time, but made a triumphant return as captain. Is playing better than ever.

ATTILA ABONYI — (Sydney Croatia) — Took his club to its second successive NSW State League title, and had another great season as a player and coach.

JOHN LEE — (Bankstown) — Caused an upset when he won the 1979 NSW Rothmans Medal, but deserved his honor after a consistent season with Bankstown.

TOMMY CUMMING — (Australian international) — The brilliant forward scooped the pool by again winning both the Bill Fleming and Rothmans Medals. He helped Essendon Croatia to its second successive league championship and was the star of the Victorian and Australian teams.

NEREO SATTICH — (Brisbane City coach) — Proved the sceptics wrong by taking the supposedly weak Brisbane City to the PSL Grand Final after a consistent season.

LES SCHEINFLUG — (Marconi coach) — The frustrations of Scheinflug and Marconi ended when the Italian-sponsored club returned home to win the championship, playing some electrifying soccer on the way. He was named Coach of the Year for 1979.

IVO PRSKALO — (Australian international) — Despite being the wrong side of 30, Prskalo made his Australian debut and went on to become a key figure in the team. Helped Marconi to the PSL title, and was voted 'Soccer Action' and ASPA player of the year.

EDDIE KRNCIC — (Australian international) — Many thought the young striker was shooting too high by transferring to Marconi after only one full season in the Victorian State League. But Krncic was a sensation with Marconi and a star with the Australian youth and full international teams.

MICHAEL WEINSTEIN — (Leading administrator) — Was the man responsible for getting the Cosmos to Australia for the New York team's highly-successful tour. Is acknowledged as the 'Tours Chief' of Australian soccer.

FRANK BURIN — (Essendon Croatia general manager) — Responsible for building undoubtedly the strongest team outside the PSL. In the past two years, Croatia has won six trophies in the Victorian State League under Burin's guidance.

RALPH LYNCH — (Promoter) — Showed Australian soccer what could be done with the correct promotion. He took control of the Cosmos tour, and his promoting attracted a 50,000 plus crowd at the game.

RALE RASIC — (Adelaide City Coach) — Former national coach ended his first season with Adelaide City triumphantly by winning the Phillips Cup.

Ray Richards is a disillusioned man after having taken an all-star team on a tour of Italy.

"We are so far behind the standards set in Europe that it makes you wonder whether Australian soccer is going anywhere," Richards said this week.

"Even the smallest clubs in Italy are far ahead of ours."

"We have absolutely no future under our present set-up. I'm afraid soccer will never be more than a hobby here."

"Our overall outlook, approach and organization cannot be compared with that in Europe."

Richards also hit out at the Australian Soccer Federation over its decision not to send a representative team to Italy to compete in the Viareggio under 21 tournament in February.

"The organizers removed China from the tournament to accommodate Australia, but the ASF withdrew because it says it cannot afford the air fares."

"Yet they spent \$50,000 on sending the Socceroos to China, which was a waste of time because there's nothing we can learn from China."

"The Viareggio tournament, contested by 16 teams from all over the world, presented us with a beautiful opportunity to help prepare our young players for the world youth championship in 1981."

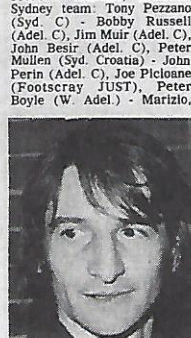
"It astounds me that the ASF can be so negative in its outlook. We will never again be invited back, of course, so we have thrown away a great chance to compete against the world's best in this age group."

Richards, former star Socceroo and ex-coach of Marconi and APIA, took 15 players through Italy, playing against Bologna, Pisa, Brindisi and Catanzaro.

The tour was organized by Mr. Romolo Croce, a prominent figure in Italian soccer, and financed from gate receipts.

APIA organized it at first, but decided not to go ahead, so Richards put together a collection of star players and fielded them under the name Sydney.

Match details: CATANZARO 2-4, Sydney scorers: Marizito, Brennan, Sydney team: Tony Pezzano (Syd C), Bobby Russell (Adel C), Jim Muir (Adel C), John Besir (Adel C), Peter Mullen (Syd Croatia), John Perin (Adel C), Joe Picioane (Footscray JUST), Peter Boyle (W. Adel.) - Marizito,



JOE PICIOANE

## Watch Hellas!

Rebuilt South Melbourne Hellas is expecting its best season since the Phillips League started.

Its recruiting programme has yielded striker Branko Buljevic (Heidelberg), right back Vince Bannon (Frankston) and centre back Steve Blair (Albion Rovers).

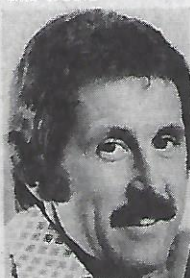
Arthur Xanthopoulos, former State centre back, has returned after a long absence and Frank Munro is fully fit again after shaking off a leg injury.

Winger George Campbell is in mercurial form and Alan Evans celebrated his return from overseas by scoring two goals in Hellas' 4-1 victory over Makedonia in its first practice game.

Coach John Margaritis will use the Ampol Cup to find the best player for each position. Competition among the players will be fierce.

Unfortunately, Duncan Cummings has not been training regularly and so he cannot claim a place in the team.

Mike Pye is being sought by Western Suburbs and Hellas



RAY RICHARDS

John Kosmina (W. Adel.), Tony Brennan (Brisb. Lions). On a heavy ground in front of about 5000 people, Sydney led 1-0 after a goal by local Italian player Marizito, who was given a run by Richards at the request of local officials who wanted to see him in action.

But then Sydney made mistakes in defence and went 1-4 down before Brennan hit back with a goal that inspired the tourists to stage an impressive finish.

Best players were Muir, Russell and especially Kosmina, who Richards described as "brilliant."

BOLOGNA 1-2, Goal Boyle. Sydney: Gary Meier (Syd Olympic) - Russell, Muir, Bertie Mariani (Marconi), Rod Skellern (APIA) - Boyle, Picioane - Marizito (Brennan sub.), Kosmina, Hilton Silva (Syd C).

This was the tourists' finest match. The midfield of Picioane, Perin and Boyle was in extraordinary form.

Bologna played its full team during a scoreless first half and then made seven or eight changes.

Sydney went two goals down by trying to play the ball out of defence instead of being safe. Both goals were scored by Petrini.

The papers were to say afterwards that the Australian team had helped establish Petrini as a rival to the great Sivold.

Peter Boyle scored Australia's only goal with a 30 metre shot but the tourists made five other excellent openings from which they should have scored.

PISA 1-2, Goal: Mullen. Sydney: Meier - Russell, Muir, Mariani, Skellern - Boyle, Perin, Picioane (Mullen sub.) - Brennan, Kosmina, Silva.

The heavy ground suited only the physically strong players, like Bobby Russell. Ball players like Picioane - who had to be replaced eventually - were left floundering.

Sydney was two goals down and well beaten before Peter Mullen scored with a 20-metre shot.

Brennan copped a stud to his



ARTHUR XANTHOPOULOS

Will release him. Some staff is also available for transfer.

Midfielder George Christopoulos has been in excellent form and Margaritis expects him to have a big season.

leg and had to miss the next match.

BRINDISI 0-2. Sydney: Pezzano - Russell, Muir, Mariani, Skellern - Perin, Boyle, Roberto Echeverria (Brisb C) Kosmina, Picioane, Silva.

This was Sydney's worst performance, but then nothing better was possible after the players had spent 10 hours overnight travelling by bus through snow from Rome.

Roberto Echeverria was outstanding in the first half until his nagging knee injury caused him to fade.

In between these matches, the Australian played two local select sides of district players on gravel pitches in Rome, winning easily, 5-2 and 8-1.

Picioane put on an incredible performance in the 8-1 victory, and Hilton Silva scored a hat-trick.

Ray Richards said Kosmina showed he is ready for a triumphant return to the national team.

"He had an off-season in 1979 but he's back at his best now and he will be an asset to Rudi Gutendorf," Richards said.



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# The man who tamed George Best

Newcastle KB United's acquisition of Paul Reaney has ensured that one of England's top defenders over the past decade will grace the PSL in 1980.

The records show that Reaney was born in London but in fact he was only two weeks old when his parents moved to Leeds and it was in this grey, industrial Yorkshire city that he was raised.

Reaney joined Leeds United straight from school. United was then a struggling team in the lower regions of the English Second division, but the inspired management of Don Revie lifted it into the elite of British soccer in the mid sixties.

Quickly emerging as one of Europe's top right backs, Reaney played an integral part in Leeds' success, a fact reflected in his selection for England's under-23 team against France in 1964.

Four more under-23 "caps" followed and a call-up to the full international side was inevitable and duly came when he appeared as substitute against Bulgaria in December 1968.

Almost a year passed before Reaney gained the privilege of wearing an England shirt for a full 90 minutes.

A fine performance against Portugal seemed to have guaranteed him a niche in the English squad for the World Cup in Mexico but it was not to be.

A broken leg at West Ham not only ruled all hopes of a trip to Mexico but also pre-

vented Reaney from appearing in the 1968 F.A. Cup final.

Reaney was out of action for six months before returning to the First Division.

After less than a dozen games with Leeds he was recalled to the England ranks for a European Championship fixture with Malta.

The hard, bumpy Valetta pitch proved a great burden to the entire English team as it tolled for a 1-0 win.

This undistinguished performance, plus England manager Alf Ramsey's preference for more attacking full backs ended the Leeds player's international career.

Despite the lack of opportunity to display his skills at the highest level, Reaney gained the tag of "Mr. Consistency" among his fellow professionals because he never had a bad game, maintaining a high standard of efficiency throughout a 70-odd game season.

George Best unhesitatingly named Reaney as the best full back he had ever faced, a remarkable compliment from the genial Irishman who opposed the best defenders in the World during the course of 37 internationals and more than two dozen England Cup games.

When Don Revie left Leeds in 1974 its fortunes plummeted. Lack of success on the

By PAUL MOON

field led to managerial uncertainty, unrest among supporters and disruption within the team.

Throughout it all Reaney remained the constant factor, producing superb performance after superb performance, enabling the team to keep its head above the relegation zone.

It wasn't until the 1977-78 campaign that he began to lose his permanency in the first team.

Manager Jimmy Adamson, the third since the departure of Revie, embarked on a youth policy and thus severely restricted Reaney's First Division appearances.

A transfer to Third Division Bradford City followed. While with Leeds Reaney had claimed winners' medals for two League Championships,

one League Cup, two European Fairs Cups, one F.A. Cup and one Second Division Championship.

He also suffered the disappointments of finishing as a league championship runner-up on five occasions — twice as a beaten finalist in the F.A. Cup and once in the Fairs Cup.

More bitter however were the losses Leeds suffered in the 1971-1972 European Cup Winners' Cup and 1974-75 European Cup, both games being marred by controversial refereeing decisions that ruined Leeds' aspirations of capturing the two major European club competitions.

These defeats and the failure to play in the World Cup were the only ambitions Reaney did not achieve during

his stay at Elland Road.

Reaney's short stay with Bradford City was an unhappy one. The club — badly supported, in perpetual financial difficulty and with a weak playing staff — found mere survival to be a difficult task and could not hope to provide Reaney with an appropriate end to his career.

Shortly after City had been relegated to the Fourth Division Reaney applied for a transfer. A lucrative move to North America looked likely, but it was Newcastle that stepped in to snap up the former Leeds star.

KB coach Alan Vest will look to Reaney's class, composure and experience to shore up a defence which had its fair share of problems last term.

Whatever niche Vest envisages for Reaney, he will prove invaluable in Newcastle's quest to consolidate the remarkable progress of 1979.



Paul Reaney — former England international

## Top talent at Canberra

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Canberra City has recruited heavily in a determined bid to finish among the Philips League leaders this year.

The most important recruits are likely to be Walter Valeri and Sebastian Giampaolo, the star strikers of Inter Monaro.

The result of the players' appeal to the NSW Federation against their total \$52,000 transfer fee was expected to be announced last night (Tuesday).

Canberra is willing to pay a fair price — but not \$52,000.

The club already has forked out \$28,000 for John, Rob and Mike O'Shea of St. George.

Goalkeeper Richard Wilson and midfielder Duncan Cole, both members of the New Zealand national team, also have joined Canberra.

There was some concern last week that Canberra may have to post a bond with the NZ Federation to ensure that Wilson and Cole will be released for World Cup duty next year.

Cole is from North Shore United and Wilson from Nelson United. Both played in New Zealand's 1-0 victory over Australia in Auckland last year.

Coach Vic Fernandez said he expected former Soccerro full back Harry Williams to have an outstanding season.



John O'Shea

Williams, who was out of soccer due to a knee injury, is training strongly and looks sharp.

Midfielder John Davies, leased to Canberra last year by Geoff Warren, brother of Johnny Warren, has been sold by Geoff Warren to St. George for \$12,500.

Ivan Grujicic has switched to Croatia Deakin for \$3000, Jim Cant is no longer with Canberra and reserve goalkeeper David Lindenmeyer, who is studying in Queensland, has joined Townsville.

Left back Mike Milovanovic is on the transfer list at his own request for \$12,000 and Steve Hogg has joined Brisbane Lions.

Coach Fernandez has signed a three-year contract and has been given a free reign to mould his team.

Terry Byrne has signed for two years, Danny Mouls for one year and Isaac Farrell also has been retained.

Centre back Roy Stark, who was going to leave last year, has decided to stay on and will fight for one of the centre back positions. John Brown also is in the running.

Rob O'Shea is likely to play as sweeper, John O'Shea will be in midfield and Mike O'Shea has great potential as a full back.

Fernandez worked with the brothers for two and a half seasons while he was coaching at St. George.

Our aim is to improve and consolidate this year and to win the 1981 championship," Fernandez said.

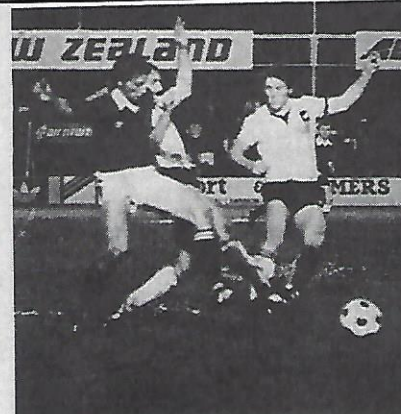


**PALINKAS: \$17,500**

Footscray J.U.S.T. has sold Joe Palinkas (pictured) to Brisbane City for \$17,500.

Palinkas moved to Brisbane before Christmas and it has taken until now for the clubs to agree on a price.

Palinkas previously played for St George and Melbourne.



Canberra recruit Duncan Cole (right) in action for New Zealand against Peter Sharpe in last year's match against Australia

## Muir, Kent available

Centre back Jim Muir is available for transfer after Adelaide City's acquisition of David Jones from West Adelaide.

Adelaide City paid Scottish club Dumbarton \$7500 for Muir two years ago. It paid West Adelaide \$5000 — the amount stipulated in the contract — for Jones.

Utility player Robert Marwe and winger Chris Kent are also on Adelaide City's transfer list, and sweeper John Besir is expected to leave as well.

Marwe, who plays striker, centre back, full back or mid-field, joined Adelaide City from Croatia (SA).

Kent played for Ringwood City and South Melbourne Hellas before shifting to Adelaide.

Jones, an Australian international, will link up with Soccerro Bobby Russell in the middle of Adelaide City's defence.

Bugsy Nyskohus and Glenn Dodds retain the full back positions and Peter Marshall remains the goalkeeper.

Midfielders are Gary Marocchi who hit top form last year, Brian Northcote, Charlie Villani, Sergio Melita, Agenor Muniz, John Perin who also plays sweeper, and youngster Romano Rossi.

Northcote and Villani can also play up front. The other forwards are John Nyskohus and Dixie Deans.

Adelaide City hopes to strengthen its attack by signing Tony Brennan from Brisbane Lions. There is a wrangle over his transfer fee.



Jim Muir (left) confronts Jim Tansey of Heidelberg

**Cole for U.S.?**

Pictures of Gary Cole, Pat Bannon, Jim O'Reilly and Peter Tymoczyn appear in the latest edition of the American magazine "SOCCER CORNER."

The pictures are used to illustrate a story about the formation of a soccer club in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and they are not captioned.

Editor Lou Gautier obviously wanted to fill space with general action photos, and, being the former editor of Sydney paper "Soccer World", nostalgia got the better of him.



Mark Trenter: Confident of a big season

## REGIS IN, TRENTER OUT

By JACK MATHEWS

Had West Bromwich Albion not decided a few years ago to pay what is almost an astronomical transfer fee for Cyril Regis, who was given superstar rating, it is almost certain that former Welsh youth international, Mark Trenter, would not be wearing Newcastle KB United colours today.

Trenter is the player who came to KB United as part of the switch by Soccerro, Kenny Boden, to Sydney City for \$20,000.

It is a quirk of fate that Trenter is a Soccer player. The round ball code was outlawed in his hometown, Cwmbran in Wales, and while he played rugby at school level he always had his eye — and mind — set on becoming a professional soccer player.

He persevered and developed so rapidly that he caught the attention of a West Bromwich Albion scout, was given a series of trials and signed as an apprentice.

Trenter began his career as a professional at 18 and, in the same year, was selected in the Welsh team to play in the youth international series in Hungary. He worked his way through the West Bromwich Albion minor teams and was ready for inclusion in the First Division team with the club predicting a big future for him. But then came Cyril Regis and Trenter's stocks dropped.

He decided his future lay farther afield. He rejected chances to play in Canada because he considered the standard to be almost minimal so he accepted an offer to join Sydney City midway through 1978.

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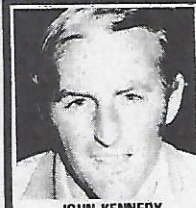
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## Newcastle v Marconi

**A special soccer challenge between Newcastle KB United and 1979 Philips League champion Marconi will be held at this year's Newcastle Show.**

Norman Ross Discounts will sponsor the twilight match on the opening day of the Show, Wednesday, February 20.

Newcastle Agricultural and Horticultural and Industrial Association Secretary, Mr. Fred Bennett, said the match could attract a crowd up to 10,000.

Admission prices to the Showground will be \$2.80 for adults and 80 cents for pensioners and children.

The manager of Norman Ross Discounts' Garden City complex, Mr. Jim McBride, said the face that the challenge match would be played on the eve of the 1980 Philips League season, which commences on March 9, should attract enormous spectator interest.

The match will provide both teams with

extensive pre-season preparation and competition," said Mr. McBride.

KB United secretary Paul Trisley said his club's promotions committee was devising plans to ensure that the first Show night was a "colourful, spectacular and well-attended event."

KB United and Marconi will compete for the Norman Ross Challenge Cup.

Mr. Trisley said a total of seven Australian internationals who recently toured Asia and China would play in the match.

They are Marconi players Eddie Krncevic, Mark Janovics, Tony Henderson, Ivo Prskalo and Peter Sharpe and KB United's Arno Bertogna and Joe Semkanski.

KB United will field new signings Paul Reaney and striker Mark Trenter.



# CHALDI: WHY I SWITCHED

By PETER SCOTT

**Hopes, plans, new challenges and, yes, even some regrets characterise Australia's 1978 soccer coach of the year, Gerry Chaldi, as he strikes out on a new career with West Adelaide.**

The man whose name has been synonymous with Hakoah soccer in Sydney and Melbourne since 1961 has not only changed clubs but uprooted his family and moved house to South Australia.

"The main motivation behind my decision to accept West's was that they offered me vastly improved financial conditions," he admitted frankly last week. "And, perhaps, I also have spent too long with the one club."

"My greatest disappointment is the realisation that Sydney City was not willing to offer me terms commensurate with my achievements," Chaldi said.

"But it wasn't only money that made me leave the club. Most of all I want to be able to test my skills in a new environment, where I will have full managerial responsibility."

Chaldi claims he felt deprived by not having similar authority with Sydney City.

"I am disappointed but not surprised, at not having been able to come to terms with City this year; there was interference in my work, in the running of the team, and when I

voiced my opinion on these matters opposition to me developed from top management within the club," he said.

"Knowing what other coaches in the PSL were earning, I also realised that financially I wasn't being rewarded sufficiently for my efforts; in fact I was underpaid."

Chaldi, in spite of his differences with some sections of the Sydney City management, went out of his way to pay tribute to team director Andrew Lederer.

"We had some early differences when I took over the team, but in the end I learned a lot from him and hope that one day we can work together again."

Gerry Chaldi leaves Hakoah/Sydney City with "a clear conscience", having left the foundations of a good team to rookie coach Eddie Thomson, who was his captain last year.

"There is an abundance of promising youngsters there. All they need is patience and a bit of pushing to make sure Sydney City remains a power into the eighties."

"Eddie has all the attributes of a first class coach, I only



**Con Kambas — rejected West's terms**

hope he can reconcile his new role with that of continuing his playing career."

No term with a club can be complete without recalling the biggest thrills and greatest disappointments, and Chaldi is no exception.

"My greatest satisfaction came from being the coach of the team which won the inaugural PSL competition in 1977, and also to realise that my players understood what style of football I wanted them to play."

"Because of this, skilful, attacking, open football became our trademark over the years and proved to me that I have the ability to communicate with footballers under my guidance."

"This, of course, is the most important attribute of any coach who fancies himself as a good one," he said.

Chaldi was also touched by the good wishes which poured in from the Jewish community when his appointment in Adelaide became public knowledge.

"I hope to be back some day," he said.

Keen anticipation, expectation and enthusiasm are just some of Chaldi's senti-

ments as he prepares for the 1980 campaign with West Adelaide.

A new job, new committee to work with, new crowd and, yes, even some new players. Two of his signings should give the Greek-based club a highly cosmopolitan flavor during the coming months.

Chaldi hopes one of the new players will be sweeper Shraga Topolanski the former Israeli international, who had a short guest spell with Hakoah St Kilda last year.

A top man is needed to replace veteran Con Kambas, who failed to accept the terms he was offered for 1980.

He will be complemented by another defender, this one from Chile, 21-year-old Carlos Villazon, who in spite of his tender age in professional soccer terms, was a regular fixture in the line-up of the First Division Rangers Santiago club.

There are other "goodies" in the pipeline for West Adelaide's enthusiastic fans, but for the moment they are strictly hush-hush.

However, the news isn't all good. The club has lost Soccerero defender David Jones to Adelaide City.

West Adelaide is disappointed and Chaldi is seeing over Adelaide City's decision to offer Jones terms.

"I feel disappointed over the fact that City broke a gentleman's agreement between the two Adelaide clubs not to touch each other's players," he said.

"We are very upset over Rale Rasic's action, but have learnt a lesson — In fact, two can play this game," he said.

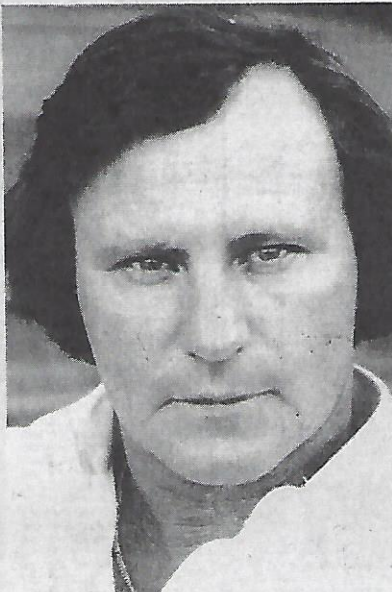
In spite of the loss of Jones, Chaldi considers he has good material at his disposal, a young and capable squad.

"We have the staff, now my first priority is to improve the players' conditions — both human and material."

"The club is full of enthusiasm for a new era, emulating the championship season of 1978, although the setup is not nearly as professional as it was with Sydney City."

"But, we have a new committee, people who are willing to devote their time and money to building a consistently successful soccer team."

Chaldi is happy with what he described as an excellent junior backup — "the top in South Australia" — and intends to continue his pre-



**Gerry Chaldi — from Sydney City to West Adelaide**

vious policy with Sydney City, gradually introducing the most talented youngsters to PSL action.

"There will be opportunity, and plenty of it, for them to show their wares," he said.

The new coach has no illusions about his position and task. The record of Greek clubs' relations with their coaches in Australia is chequered, to say the least.

Survival with a Greek-sponsored club has much to do with the coaches' personality and Chaldi believes his mentality will suit the atmosphere.

He is supremely confident of serving out his two year contract.

"I feel that under its terms I finally have reached a stage where I am properly rewarded for my previous achievements as a coach," he said.

"I'm having my honeymoon with the club right now, but

the pressure will be on once the championship kicks off."

"It doesn't worry me particularly, after all that's what I get paid for, and look forward to the challenge."

Looking briefly at the overall PSL scene, Chaldi perceives improvement since the start of the new league, but feels it imperative that some "big names" be imported from abroad.

"The means must be found to bring personalities into the game; players and names who will attract new fans."

"As for Sydney City, sadly I see no solution to their greatest problem, that of bringing back the crowds which have deserted them."

"The empty terraces at their home games are that club's biggest handicap, and having a good crowd cheering you on is half the battle for a coach and his players."

'79 gate taking: \$637

The income of the Victorian club Juventus from gate receipts in 1979 was a mere \$637, but despite this, the club's total income exceeded \$100,000, secretary Rocco Di Zio announced this week.

This proved Juventus was far from a spent force, Di Zio said.

"The fact we are able to generate income without the aid of considerable gate receipts, proves Juventus is still very much alive," Di Zio said.

The figures were announced to club members at Juve's annual general meeting at the Casa D'Adruzzo Club in North Fitzroy last Thursday night.

A report to members showed Juventus' income for 1979 was \$105,000. This was a massive increase on 1978, when the income was \$44,500.

Expenditure in 1979 was \$141,500. Di Zio explained that expenditure was high because of the costs involved in establishing a team.

Signing-on fees, transfer fees and wages accounted for \$64,500. Juventus bought Jack Reilly, Terry Hawke, Peter Vaughan, Bobby McGuinness, Tony Heery and George Gillan in 1979.

Juventus spent only \$35,000 on its team in 1978.

At the meeting, George Penzo was re-elected president with Greg Incantalupo vice-president.

Adrian Mezzadra, Joe Mirabella, Di Zio and Castelli were elected to the committee. The members voted to allow the president to select five other people to serve on the committee.

This was to allow closer co-operation within the administration, Di Zio said.

Di Zio was angry with a report in a Sunday paper that Juventus was unable to raise a quorum at the AGM.

"The AGM was originally scheduled for the Club Cavour in South Melbourne," said Di Zio, "but the club was booked for another function."

"The Italian Cup had concluded on the same day, and many of our members were unable to attend. Other members were unaware of the change of venue."

Di Zio said 100 people attended the second scheduled meeting.



**RANGERS, en punto de vista en San Eugenio.**

West Adelaide recruit Carlos Villazon (standing, second from right) with Rangers of Chile.

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The Greek Press has been playing up reports that Greek First Division clubs AEK and PAOK Salonika are interested in signing Gary Cole of Heidelberg United.

Apparently PAOK is willing to pay up to \$100,000 for him.

This follows reports that Derby County offered \$50,000 for goalkeeper Yanka Banovic, only to have the deal fall through when Banovic was unable to get an English work permit.

Heidelberg pocketed \$20,000 for Branko Buljevic who switched to South Melbourne Hellas during the off season.

Ken Taylor also has left Heidelberg. He has returned to England.

Heidelberg president Jim Mangopoulos has denied that Jim Campbell may join Buljevic at Hellas, and says that captain Pat Bannon is training hard for another successful year, after contemplating a switch last season.

Mangopoulos said that coach Manny Poulakakis had been retained by the club, contrary to some reports.

The club was to have moved to its new ground in Heidelberg this year, but it is still not ready.

## AROUND THE WORLD

### "Is Gary Cole going to Athens?"

This is the question that bothers thousands of Heidelberg Alexander supporters.

At this stage the answer to the above question can only be regarded as a vague one, although it is well known in the soccer world that the management of Heidelberg United is having discussions at this moment with representatives from AEK Athens.

Therefore, it should not come as a surprise if next July we see the blonde star and member of our national team, packing up and travelling to Greece.

If finally, this scenario becomes a reality, the fee that the Greek team will pay to Alexander will be an astronomical one by Australian standards.

Speaking after the game against Victoria, the coach of Red Star, Branko Stankovic said:

"Of our opponents, I liked No. 15 (Cole), No. 14 (Paton) and No. 3 (Roosby)."

About Gary Cole, the Yugoslav coach said emphatically that he is a good, strong and fast player, who can play in any team in Yugoslavia.

Since I have mentioned Branko Stankovic, it is worthwhile pointing out that the Red Star coach is one of the best known personalities in soccer. He started his playing career as a full-back with Red Star in 1947 and ended it in 1956.

He wore the national shirt of his country 61 times, and at this stage he is also an adviser of the national team, the same team that was placed first in the European last year.

Bayern Munich which will visit Australia later this year for a series of friendly games has bought a Norwegian player.

He is Ainer Yan Aass, and he has signed a two-year contract.

Argentina mourns one of soccer's favorite sons, 37-year-old Omega, who was killed in a car accident.

Omega was in the Argentine national team in the 1966 World Cup. He played against England at Wembley when the present World Cup holders lost 1-0.

The goal that made all the difference was scored by Hurst.

France's former international star, Just Fontaine said that King Hussein had asked him to take over the national team of Morocco.

Fontaine will coach his players for the coming African Nations' Cup.

The former star, with a goal



### With ELIAS DONOUDIS

tally of 13 at the 1958 World Cup, has lately been on the outer but his World Cup record has not been broken.

He was seen recently in a match between the European and Argentinian veterans. In that match, another French international star played: Raymond Copa.

British commentators called the transfer of Nikola Jovanovic to Manchester United as "a victory for English football."

Bayern Munich also was interested in the transfer of the Yugoslav star, but finally David Sexton — manager of United — won.

Andras Torosik the centre half of the Hungarian national team in 1978, has had a streak of bad luck lately.

When he was sent off the field in the World Cup in Argentina, he was ordered not to play in international matches for a year.

Then he was involved in a car accident, which nearly cost him his life. He already, has had two operations, but he is still unable to walk. So much so, that he is going to London soon to be operated on for the third time.

South Melbourne Hellas is looking for a goalkeeper. From what I hear, they are interested in Sydney Olympic's Gary Meier.

The referees of the amateur league in South America have to combat the violence of the crowd, though Pablo Velese, one of the referees, has nothing to fear.

As pets, he keeps at his home two gorillas.

So much for this first edition of "Around the World".

Although with some delay, I wish everybody a good Soccering year, and for the players, as far as I am concerned, beware of referees with strange pets.

### League off

The national youth league mooted last season will not go ahead after all.

The Australian Soccer Federation rejected the proposed competition, apparently because it would cost too much.

## Victorian State League round-up with LAURIE SCHWAB

# MITTEN, TRONT JOIN: CROATIA UNBEATABLE?

Reinforced by Noel Mitten from Frankston City and Joe Tront from Croydon, Essendon Croatia starts 1980 as favorite to retain the State League championship it won in 1978 and 1979.

Tront, the attacking midfielder who played for Mooroolbark and Heidelberg United before joining Croydon, has switched to Croatia for a \$5000 transfer fee.

The details of Mitten's transfer are not clear. Mitten came from Ireland to join South Melbourne Hellas from where he went via Albion Rovers to Frankston. He and Tront are both in the Victorian State squad.

Croatia also was in the process of signing defender Mick Klarin from Ajax as we went to Press.

Club spokesman Frank Burin said he was confident that the Soccer Australia Cumming would stay with Croatia.

"I believe he has had various offers but he wants to get himself a house and we can help him in that regard," John Gardiner, star of Victoria's 2-1 victory over Red Star Belgrade, will be player-coach of Croatia this year.

Boris Palek has returned to Croatia Whyalla and Keith Adams, Carl Gilder, Howard Andrews and Alan Kerr were still holidaying overseas last week.

One of Croatia's most exciting young players, striker Steve Gojevic, 14, has been training with the senior squad. Gojevic has scored 215 goals in two seasons.

### Preston seeks two players

Preston Makedonia, which lost 1-4 to Hellas last week, will meet the State under 18 team at Connor Reserve, Reservoir, at 6 pm today (Wednesday).

Makedonia, which signed midfielder Claude Lucchesi from Juventus for \$3500 is looking for a good sweeper and midfield general.

Brian Edgley (ex-Croatia, Hellas, Mooroolbark, Ringwood City) has replaced Tony Vrzina as coach and former player-coach. Errol Leslie, who is overseas at the moment, is on the transfer list.

Hellas won its practice match against Makedonia in the last 15 minutes after the score had been level at 1-1.

George Christopoulos had scored for Hellas and George McMillan for Makedonia.

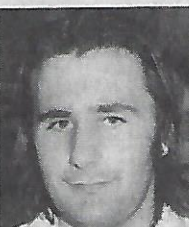
Then little George Campbell cut loose engineering two goals by Alan Evans before scoring one himself on a pass from Branko Buljevic.

### Testimonial for Baker

Hakoah started 1980 with a meritorious 1-0 victory over Essendon Croatia. Sean Rooney scored the winning goal.

Bill Jordanou was excellent, Ian McNeil never has been better, Gerry Edmondson has recovered from his cartilage injury, Shraga Topolanski was excellent, Stewart Blair is fitter than ever and young goalkeeper Mike Fryzzer showed promise when he came on as replacement for Mike O'Hara who made some spectacular saves.

Striker Michael Loh, who has had a cartilage operation, resumes training this week, Graham French is shaping up well after injury, and Les



### Kit Greechan — Albion to Western Suburbs

Owen and Dave Rigby are on their way back from overseas. Doveton striker Steve Irvine played against Croatia and Hakoah is negotiating to buy him, along with perhaps one or two others.

One of the highlights of Hakoah's year will be a gala testimonial match for defender David Baker, against Croatia at Middle Park on March 16.

Baker has won two Victorian Rothmans Medals during his 12 years with Hakoah.

### 10 year service Train leaves

Jim Train, who served Slavia faithfully for 10 years, has left to become player-coach of Waverley City in the Metropolitan League.

But Slavia has a promising young recruit in goalkeeper Elvio Pugliese, 20, from Fourth Division club Sandringham.

Pugliese played very well in recent practice matches. Slavia has drawn 2-2 with Albion Rovers and Croydon and beaten Altona 2-1.

Star of these matches has been forward Mickey McGorran who scored two against Croydon, and one each against Altona and Albion.

Goalkeeper Mitchell McIntosh from Scottish Junior club Lark Hall is another new man at Slavia, but the club does not yet have a clearance for him.

Jim Williams, Steve Aldrich and Bill Brindle are still holidaying overseas.

John Kosnar is the new president of Slavia and Harry Chalkitis has been re-appointed coach. Vince Fryas is the vice-president. Vip Balk is the chairman and Vince French the secretary/treasurer.

Mr. Kosnar said he hoped for a successful season to mark the club's 30th anniversary.

### Massive exodus at Frankston

Frankston City has been drained by a massive exodus of players.

Noel Mitten has joined Croker, Vince Baanor has gone to Hellas and Keith Webster and Alan Parrott have retired.

Tony Young, Frankston's best player last year, has returned to England where he's bought a fish and chip and is expected to sign for Rochdale.

Striker Kevin Swinscoe is on trial with Watford in England and Willie Coulson is playing in Hong Kong.

Young goalkeeper David Gilbert is on a two-month trial with Norwich as part of his Ian Grey Memorial Scholarship, won at Frankston.

And now the rebuilding starts. Club spokesman Les Smith says Frankston wants full back Chris Valli from Hakoah, striker Kevin Wall from Frankston Pines, midfielder Billy Buchanan from Dandenong and forwards Steve Irvine and Peter Thurlow from Doveton.

Frankston already has signed striker Neil Collier from Croatia Whyalla and is talking to three players overseas — one forward and two midfielders.

The club has only one player — Bruce Young — on a temporary visa.

New coach Nigel Bevis, a former Frankston captain, expects young utility players Goran Runje and Peter Martynovic to establish themselves as first-team regulars this season.

Centre back Danny McCluskey is still holidaying overseas.

negotiate with him when he returns.

Retained players include: Frank Petersen, Bobby Adams (his 11th season), Ged Bannon, Bruce Young, Sean Parton, John Taylor and David Cooper.

### Name change for Sunshine

Sunshine City is likely to change its name.

The committee was given this power by Sunshine's annual general meeting. It is not yet known what new name is being considered.

Sunshine, which will become incorporated soon, is opposed to George Cross becoming established in Sunshine, and has made its views known to the city administration.

Ian Petherick is back as coach after a few season's absence, and Wally Melak remains director of junior coaching.

President Tommy Reid says the club is concerned mainly with developing young players from its own ranks. "Our aim is to attract Australian people with Australian soccer," he says.

Meanwhile, full back Hugh Howe is seeking a transfer and goalkeeper Peter Clarke is rumored also to be unsettled.

### Forsyth to Croydon

Croydon City has signed 19-year-old striker Robbie Forsyth who scored about 30 goals with Doncaster Rovers last season.

And the club hopes to sign a few more players to replace Duncan Smith who has returned to Scotland and Joe Tront who has joined Croatia.

Mark Brown, 18, who was introduced to the defence late last year, will be a regular this season, along with teenage full back Gary Hobson, son of coach Norm Hobson.

Reverse coach is Trevor Owen, former boss of Ringwood City, and director of junior coaching is former State coach Ken Kontra.

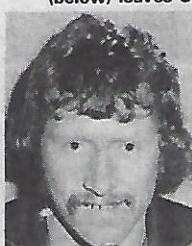
### Pyrgolios to coach Wests

Newly-promoted Western Suburbs has shifted from its Ralph Street ground to Schintler Reserve, Footscray, where it will play its home matches.

Wests have signed talented midfielder Kit Greechan from



The Train brothers have switched clubs. George (above left, with George Gillan of Juventus), leaves Altona for Sunbury and Jim (below) leaves Slavia for Waverley.



Albion Rovers are still negotiating for more players. They are said to be interested in Mike Pye and Steve Carr of Hellas.

Ray Pocock, who was player-coach last year, and Dave Parkin, are expected to leave Wests. Melbourne has shown keen interest in them. Pocock played for Melbourne in the early seventies.

Jim Pyrgolios, the former Hellas star, is Wests' new coach.

Jim Tsabassidis remains Wests' president but stalwarts Sam David and Emmanuel Parisi are no longer on the committee.

### Ajax opens new club

Green Gully Ajax has completed its impressive social club premises at Green Gully Reserve.

The social committee, led by Dieter Witkowski and Winston Goodman, is confident it can generate enough finance to greatly strengthen the team for new coach Bobby McLachlan.

McLachlan hopes to get striker Steve Carr back from Hellas, and also has a few new men standing by in Britain. Centre back Mick Klarin may

join Croatia, but Ajax has resigned Billy Vojtek, who was player-coach last year.

The only new player at Ajax so far is midfielder Steve Carpenter, who was brought to Australia by Footscray J.U.S.T. and played for Hakoah last season.

### New ground for Cross

George Cross, formed into a company this month, is in the final stages of finalising a lease on land in Duke Street, Sunshine for a new ground.

Billy Wilkinson is back after six months in England and he again will be player-coach.

Frank Mifsud and Ian -runcie (ex-Slavia) are on the transfer list and Marty Graham, who arrived near the end of last season, has returned to Ireland because he was homesick.

In a recent friendly match, George Cross lost 2-3 to Albion Rovers.

The club will run a gala fun fair at Braybrook high school on the corner of Duke Street and Ballarat Road of February 2 and 3.

Three pop groups will play on the Saturday from 5 to 8 pm and there will be competitions, raffles, and a sale of everything from biros to couches on the Sunday.

The first quarterly meeting is at the clubrooms in Albion Street, Brunswick, at 10 am on February 10.

All Zahra is the new president, replacing John Borg. Other officials are Joe Borg-Guzman (vice-president), Albert Frendo (secretary), Alf Farrugia (assistant-secretary), Lorraine Brady (treasurer), Charles Cutajar (junior chairman), Charlie Casser (social chairman) and John Borg (VSE delegate).

### Wilson fights for Lewis

Altona City has lost veteran utility player Kevin Kelly and left back George Train.

Kelly, who joined Altona from George Cross, wants to play in a lower league because of work commitments.

Train is the new player-coach of Sunbury United.

With Harry Hird, Bob Taylor, Stewart Cannell and Rob Crawl holidaying in England, Altona is short-staffed for the Ampol Cup.

Coach Joe Wilson will therefore use some of the younger players, including forward Lars Murphy, midfielder or full back Billy Hammill, Kevin Wilson and Sammy Deluca.

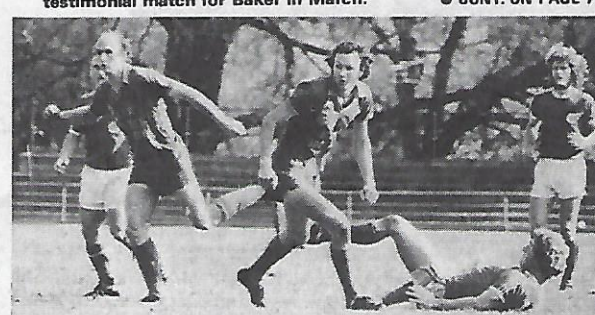
Wilson is resisting attempts by Croatia to buy full back Peter Lewis.

"However, if Peter is determined to go, I hope that we can at least get a replacement player from Croatia," Wilson said.

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David Baker (left) tackles Ken Reed, then with George Cross. Hakoah will organise a testimonial match for Baker in March.



Frankston's Bobby Adams — starting his 11th season. Vince Bannon (left) has moved to Hellas. On the ground is Croatia's Carl Gilder and at right Howard Andrews

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## Rovers' catch

Jimmy Mackay (pictured) has joined Albion Rovers, who have been relegated from the Victorian State League.

Mackay played for Shepparton last year.

The former Croatia and Hellas star completed a mid-field of Jimmy Rooney, Ray Richards and Johnny Warren in the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany.



# Campbell, Cole, Rooney to miss Altona

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Heidelberg United may have to play without Gary Cole, Jim Campbell and Jimmy Rooney against Altona City in the second round of the Ampol Cup at Olympic Park on Friday night.

The three stars are unlikely to be released by coach Rudi Gutendorf from the national teams training camp in Sydney, where the Socceroos are preparing to meet Czechoslovakia.

"I'll be making telephone calls this week to try to change Gutendorf's mind but indications are there's nothing much we can do," Heidelberg president Jim Mangopoulos said.

"Also, I don't want to push too hard, because any postponement of our fixtures would upset the whole competition."

Andy Borikas may be back from holidays this week and

Mike Micevski is yet to come into the team.

John Kyriakidis, George Pavlidis and Con Moulis will be used to replace the missing Socceroos.

Altona is also undermanned, but of the replacement players used against Ajax last Sunday, John Little was excellent.

Alex is negotiating with Matiese club Fiorentina which wants more money finally to release Willie Vassallo, who has been playing for Ajax on what apparently was a temporary arrangement.

Andy Borikas may be back from holidays this week and

Reserve, Reservoir, on Saturday.

Frankston was impressive in holding Heidelberg to 1-0 on Friday. Bobby Adams starred in defence. Frank Petersen made brilliant saves. David Cooper was cool as sweeper and Peter Martinovic showed promise in his first game.

Croydon has signed Kees Doornenbal from Ringwood City and Western Suburbs bought John Daperis from Hakoah for \$4000. Their clash at Middle Park on Sunday should be interesting.

Hakoah is one of the best State League teams, but despite successive victories over Western Suburbs and Croatia in a friendly match, Hakoah is unlikely to make an impression on Hellas at Middle Park on Sunday.

Hellas coach John Margaritis, searching for his best combination, will use Alan Davidson who was suspended last week, George Christopoulos and perhaps Mendo Ristovski. Albion Rovers, which looked impressive last week, has a good chance of beating Juventus, which loses Bobby McGuinness for six weeks. McGuinness is returning to Scotland on holidays.

Footscray J.U.S.T. cannot play again as badly as it did in beating Makedonia on penalties last Friday, and should find the going a little easier against George Cross at Olympic Park.

The penalties show down that decided the match against Makedonia was a joke! Of the 14 kicks taken, only seven were successful. Lou Kastner saved shots by Joe Picione and Zdravko Lujic and shots by Zoran Illoski. Mike Rainey, David Garthwaite and Steve Beech went high or wide. Steve Potter saved John Higham's shot, leaving the penalties score 4-3 in J.U.S.T.'s favor.

Yet in general play Makedonia should have won by anything up to four goals. Strikers Rob Cullen and George McMillan played well and full backs Mike Rainey and Ljube Petrovski (who was sent off in extra time) tore J.U.S.T. apart on the flanks.

On this form, Makedonia should have little trouble against Slavia on Saturday.

Croatia, which finalised the transfers of Noel Mitten, from Frankston, Joe Tront from Croydon and Mick Klarin from Ajax last Friday, should beat Sunshine City at Olympic Park No. 2 on Sunday.

## Victorian round-up

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Wilson almost joined Ajax recently but Altona eventually persuaded him to stay on.

Wilson may sign a few new players. "I've got a few iron in the fire, but I'll wait and see what happens," he said.

## Silence reigns at Juventus

All is quiet at Juventus.

Tony Boggi, who coached the team last year, has quit because he's too busy with his work and with training of Victoria's Socceroos.

He is national coach-rud Gutendorf's right-hand man in Melbourne.

Jimmy Armstrong will coach Juventus in the Ampol Cup.

Midfielder Claude Lucchesi has joined Makedonia, and goalkeeper Jack Kelly is undisciplined about his future.

## North Sydney v. Avala first

NSW's perpetual winner Sydney Croatia is favored to snare the Ampol Cup which starts at St. George Stadium on Wednesday, January 30.

First-round matches are: Jan. 30: North Sydney v. Avala, 7.15 pm and Melita Eagles v. Arncliffe Scots, 9 pm, at St. George Stadium.

Manly v. Sydney Olympic, 7.15 pm

and Croatia v. Kuringai, 9 pm at Seymour Shaw Park.

Friday, February 1: Yugal v. Bankstown, 7.15 pm and Auburn v. Inter Monaro, 9 pm at St. George Stadium.

Wollongong Utd. v. Marrickville Olympic, 7.15 pm and Sutherland v. Parramatta, 9 pm at Seymour Shaw Park.

Ampol Cup groupings:  
GROUP A: Croatia, Kuringai, Wollongong United, Marrickville Olympic.  
GROUP B: Yugal, Bankstown, Auburn, Inter-Monaro.  
GROUP C: Sutherland, Parramatta, Manly, Sydney Olympic.  
GROUP D: North Sydney, Avala, Arncliffe Scots, Melita, Eagles.



## VICTORIAN AMPOL CUP



J.U.S.T. goalkeeper Dennis Boland (left) has George McMillan's shot covered. However, Bob Cullen is to follow up and score for Makedonia. At right is Jim Kondarios of J.U.S.T. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.

## THIS WEEK

This week's Ampol matches; with likely winners in capitals:

FRIDAY, from 730 pm

At Olympic Park NO 1: HEIDELBERG v Altona, FOOTSCRAY JUST v George Cross

SATURDAY from 2 pm

-At Connor Reserve, Reservoir: FRANKSTON v Ajax, MAKEDONIA v Slavia

SUNDAY from 2 pm

At Olympic Park No 2: JUVENTUS v Albion Rovers, CROATIA v Sunshine

At Middle Park: CROYDON v Western Suburbs, HELLAS v Hakoah

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(Makedonia)

ADAMS  
(Frankston)

OLLERTON  
(J.U.S.T.)

McMILLAN  
(Heidelberg)

BLAIR  
(Hakoah)

ROGERS  
(Hellas)

G. BANNON  
(Frankston)

McMILLAN  
(Makedonia)

EVANS  
(Hellas)

C. NISBET  
(Albion R.)

## First round details

HAKOAH 2 (Blair 36th and 48th)  
WESTERN SUBURBS 1 (Kor-  
millos 44th) at Middle Park Crowd  
about 300 (double header), Fri-  
day Ratings by Peter Daseira

HAKOAH - O'Hara 7, Gedabey  
6, Baker 7, Dusen 6, Wilson 6,  
Gibson 6, McNeil 6, Blair 8 - Jor-  
danou 7, French 6, Rooney 6

WESTERN SUBS - Mitani 7 -  
Jim Daperis 6, Javorak 6, Oly-  
kolamos 7, G. Deglis 6, Grechan  
6, Mc Carthy 7, John Daperis 6,  
Koromilas 6, Petasek 6, Christi-  
odias 6

Referee: Nick Karlich  
ALBION ROVERS 2 (C. Nisbet  
15th and 37th)

SUNSHINE CITY 1 (Mudrilo  
22nd) at Middle Park Crowd  
about 300 (double header) Satur-  
day Ratings by Peter Daseira

ALBION ROVERS - Johnson 7,  
McIntyre 6, Stevens 6, B. Nisbet 6,  
Gast 6 - Stewart 6 (Stoke 51st),  
Reilly 6, D'Sylva 7 - Spiteri 6, C.  
Nisbet 6, Saliba 6

SUNSHINE CITY - Centini 6 -  
Dixey 6, R. Nelson 6, Ellis 6,  
Coyne 6 - McRobert 7, Laing 6,  
Singleton 6 (Muscell 38th), Mudri-  
lo 6 (Wood 55th), Gilmour 7, K.  
Coyne 6

Referee: Jim Brennan  
FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 2 (Lujic  
67th and 88th) PRESTON MAKE-  
DONIA 2 (Cullen 34th, Ward 42nd)

J.U.S.T. won on penalties, 4 (Jovi-  
cic, Rujevic, Ollerton, Veski) to 3  
(Ward, C. Lucchesi, McMillan) at  
Olympic Park, crowd about 3000  
(double header), Friday Ratings by  
Laurie Schwab:

J.U.S.T.: Boland 8 (Potter 6, half  
time) - Hazarant 6, Ollerton 6,  
Kondarios 4, Illoski 5 - Jovanovic  
6, Picione 3, Rujevic 4 - Veski 3,  
Belle 6 (Jovicic 6, 48th), Lujic 8

MAKEDONIA: Kastner 9 -  
Rainey 8, Garthwaite 8, Higham 6,  
Petrovski 8 - Faulkner 6,  
Cunningham 6 (Beach 80th), C.  
Lucchesi 7 - Cullen 8, McMillan 8,  
Ward 6

Referee: Chris Bambridge  
Cautions: Garthwaite (Mak),  
Illoski, Lujic (J.U.S.T.)  
Sent off: Petrovski (Mak) for foul  
to Jovicic, 88th min

HEIDELBERG UTD 1 (Cole 80th)  
FRANKSTON CITY 0 after extra  
time at Olympic Park Crowd: 2800  
(double header), Friday Ratings by  
Laurie Schwab:

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 8 - Yzen-  
doorn 7, Proven 7, Bannan 8,  
McMillan 9 - Balanidia 8, Venko  
7, Rooney 8 - Patton 7, Cole 7,  
Campbell 8

FRANKSTON: Petersen 9 -  
Taylor 8, Cooper 8, Parton 8,

Adams 9, Blacklaw 6 - Martinovic 8, Campbell 6 (Luca 6,  
50th min) - Young 6, Runle 8

Referee: Stuart Mellings  
GEORGE CROSS 1 (Mizzi 38th)  
PRAHRAN SLAVIA 0 at Olympic  
Park Crowd: 2500 (double header)  
Sunday Ratings by Kyle Patterson

GEORGE CROSS: Matseon 7 -  
Cusack 8, Hooper 7, Maitland 8,  
Barron 7 - Bernard 7, Mirek 8,  
Wilson 7 - Thom 6, Cowan 7, Mizzi  
7

PRAHRAN SLAVIA: Pugliese 9 -  
Haupt 7, Lawson 7, Houston 6,  
Bjelica 6 (Cullen 6 half time) - Pye  
8, Kinnear 6, Wade 6 - Crawford 6  
(Ward 42nd min) McCorlean 7,  
Whitcliffe 6

Referee: Joe Slatts  
ESSENDON CROATIA 2 (Badi-  
novic 33rd, Mitten 88th) JU-  
VENTUS 1 (Crino 68th) at Olympic  
Park Crowd: 2500 (double header),  
Sunday Ratings by Kyle Patterson

CROATIA: Blasby 8 - Short 6,  
Kokoske 6, Gardiner 6, Blavier 7 -  
Culina 6, Tront 6, Murphy 7 -  
Cumming 6, Mitten 6, Batnovic 6

JUVENTUS: Hawke 9 - Curcio  
6, Della Rocca 6, Vaughn 6, Tar-  
quinio 6 - Sabidini 6, Crino 7, Sabi-  
dini 6 - McGuinness 8, Gillen 7,  
Henry 7

Referee: Evan Venios 6  
GREEN GULLY AJAX 2 (Def-  
raton 16th, Segi 88th) ALTONA  
CITY 1 (N. Little 64th) at Middle  
Park Crowd about 3000 (double  
header), Sunday Ratings by Laurie  
Schwab

AJAX: Dany 7 - Hogben 6, B.  
Turner 6, Parton 6, Crilly 8 - Beller  
5, Voljak 8, G. Benagan 6, Segi 7,  
Meticovic 6, DeFreitas 2

ALTONA: van der Poel 8 - Buck-  
ley 6, K. Wilson 6, Grambergen 6,  
J. Little 8 - Whyte 6, Wettara 7, N.  
Little 6 - Murphy 6, Duluca 6, Innes  
5 (Lambrou 80th)

Referee: Jim Fearn 8  
Cautions: Voljak, Hogben, Def-  
raton (Ajax), Wattara, J. Little (Al-  
tona)

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 4  
(Evans 3rd and 18th, Kakantola  
31st, V. Bannan 51st) CROYDON  
CITY 0 at Middle Park, crowd about  
3000 (double header), Sunday  
Ratings by Laurie Schwab

HELLAS: Launeta 2 - V. Bannan  
7, Munro 6, Xanthopoulos 6, Ka-  
lathifidis 6 - Rogers 8, Wright 7, N.  
Campbell 6, Evans 9, Buljevic 7, Ka-  
kantonis 2

CROYDON: Edwards 7 - Brown  
6, Pongho 7, McComb 6, Page 4  
(Blackley 6, half time) - Murphy 6,  
Doornenbal 4, Wyllie 4, (House  
55th) - Loughnane 4, Brogan 6,  
Brogan 4

Referee: Tony Beazleigh 7

## STANDINGS

Group standings						W	L	F	A		
	W	L	F	A	Pts	Croatia	1	0	2	1	
Ajax	1	0	2	1	2	Albion R.	1	0	2	1	
Heidelberg	1	0	1	0	2	Juventus	0	1	1	2	
Altona	0	1	1	2	0	Sunshine	0	1	1	2	
Frankston	0	1	0	1	0		W	L	F	A	Pts
						Hellas	1	0	4	0	2
						Hakoah	1	0	2	1	2
						W. Suburbs	0	1	1	2	0
						Croydon	0	1	0	4	0
	W	L	F	A	Pts						
George Cross	1	0	1	0	2						
JUST	1	0	2	2	0						
Makedonia	0	1	2	2	0						
Slavia	0	1	0	1	0						

Top scorers: 2 Ljivo (JUST), Evenski (Hajduk), C. Nisbet (Albion), Eriq (Hakoah).

Top scorers: 2 Lujic (J.U.S.T.), Evans (Hellas), C. Nisbet (Albion), Blair (Hakoah).





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## CZECHOSLOVAKIANS CAN MATCH THE BEST: VENGLÓS

The popularity of ice hockey in Czechoslovakia is not helping the country's national soccer team, according to coach Dr Josef Venglos.

After a friendly international against England at Wembley Stadium early last year, Venglos spoke of the aggressive attitude of English players, and the content of physical contact in that country's domestic soccer.

"We cannot compete with England physically," said Venglos. "Of course, we have men in Czechoslovakia who have the same attitude as the English, but they take up ice hockey while the more intelligent young men turn to football."

So while the majority of aggressive young Czechs prefer the harder (and often violent) sport of ice hockey, Venglos has the talented ball-players, but says stamina is a missing trait.

"We have shown that we can play an attacking football against top teams from around the world," he said. "But we must improve our physical condition so that it compares with our skill and knowledge of tactics."

"Czechoslovakia must still improve in the individual and collective sense, but most of all in stamina."

Stamina or not, Venglos has done a remarkable job since he became Czechoslovakia's national coach about 2½ years ago.

Venglos had done an 'ap-

prenticeship' with the under-23 team as coach, and was assistant to Václav Jílek for three years before taking over.

At the beginning of Venglos' reign, the Czechs were in the doldrums after missing out on a place in the 1978 World Cup finals in Argentina.

His first game as supreme ended in defeat (1-2) at the hands of East Germany, although the Czechs fielded an experimental team.

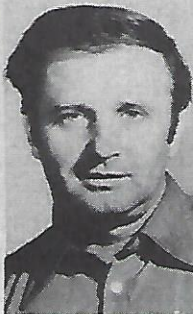
The Czechs then faced the daunting task of facing Sweden in Stockholm in the first European championship qualifying game.

The Czechs won 3-1, and Venglos' men haven't looked back with victories over France and Luxembourg to seal group victory in their group.

Venglos long term plans are obviously to retain the European crown, and then qualify for Spain in 1982 — thus erasing the bitter memories of the 1978 attempt when Scotland ousted the Czechs.

"The key to future success for Czechoslovakia lies with working very closely with the coaches of top club teams," said Venglos.

"The national team must cooperate with the clubs, but they must play fair with us. I know from experience that clubs are often reluctant to re-



Dr Josef Venglos

lease players for training camps and games."

Venglos will bring to Australia a team of experienced players. Zdenek Hruska is the goalkeeper, and he has played only eight internationals, but is a proven custodian.

Antonin Panenka is a midfielder who has scored 13 goals in his 35 international appearances. He is 31, but still has plenty of energy in his mid-field role.

It was Panenka who clinched the European championship with a penalty kick in a showdown against West Germany.

Team captain is Anton Ondrus, who is a commanding sweeper. He is a vital link in the team, and has played 48 internationals scoring 10 goals — a clear sign of his liking for adventuring upfield.

Ondrus, along with great goalkeeper Ivo Viktor, were missing from the 1978 World Cup campaign, and their absences were blamed for the Czech failure.

Koloman Gogh is the left back, and played in the 1978 European final. He is a resolute defender with a liking for overlapping.

At present, the vital combination in the team is that formed between Marian Masny and Zdenek Nehoda in the forward line.

Masny is a tricky winger, who roams from flank to flank. He should be a sensation on the Australian tour.

Nehoda is wanted by top clubs all over Europe. He has been top scorer in Czech soccer with Dukla Prague for the past two seasons.

For the national team, he has knocked in 21 goals in 58 matches.

For Venglos the Australian tour offers the chance to visit his old 'home.' He lived in Australia for three years during the 1960s, and was national coach here. He also coached NSW club Prague.

One obstacle in Venglos' path to success is an old Czech FA ruling. The rule prevents players under the age of 18

playing senior soccer unless they have medical permission.

This rule is holding back Czech soccer, because promising youngsters aren't given the chance to develop at the highest level.

Venglos, who is a professor of physical education at the University of Bratislava, is a keen student of the game.

"Football has become a more difficult game to play," he said, "and this was demonstrated in Argentina in 1978. For example in the 1974 World Cup finals, Cruyff was very good, but was only playing as a schemer."

"In Argentina clever mid-field players, similar to Cruyff, had developed further. They created, but had wide-ranging defensive duties."

"They had to cover all the ground between one penalty area to the other. This makes big physical demands on the players, and requires them to have greater defensive skills."

Venglos paid tribute to the new-look England team, which recorded a streaky 1-0 victory over Czechoslovakia in that Wembley friendly last year.

"England now are more spectacular than they were two or three years ago, and that is obviously due to the influence of Mr. Greenwood," said Venglos.

"England is now playing a style of football that is a good mix between the best of English soccer, and the best of continental soccer."

"This Euro-English style produces a very different game than England played before, and I like it."

Hopefully, the tour of Venglos' team will show Australia the very best of the Czechs' style.

## Socceroos face

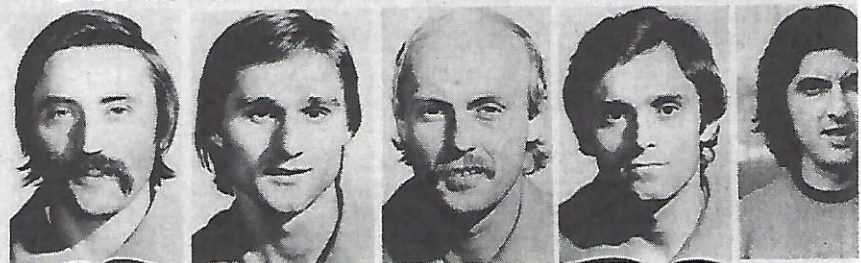


The Czech team that beat West Germany 5-3 on penalties at the final of the 1976 European championship in Belgrade. From left: Dobias, Capkovic, Masny, Moder, Svehlik, Pivarnik, Panenka, N.



Czechoslovakia at the 1970 World Cup finals in Mexico. From left: Jurkanin, Albrecht, Hagara, Hrdlicka, Dobias, Kuna, Vee.

## STAR STRIKER NEHODA IS FIT FOR



Antonin Panenka

Jan Fiala

Jaroslav Pollak

Marian Masny

Karol Dobi

The Czechoslovakian squad for the tour of Australia will include all players who appeared in the country's recent 4-0 win over Luxembourg in the European championship.

Good news is that star striker Zdenek Nehoda, who

missed the Luxembourg game through injury, is fit again and will tour this country.

The coach of Czechoslovakia is Dr. Josef Venglos, and his assistant is Jan Brumovsky.

The Czech line up against Luxembourg was as fol-

lows: Hruska, Gogh - Kozak, dusek.

The other five

da, Fiala, Neta



Ace Czech forward Zdenek Nehoda (left) is guarded by England's Viv Anderson

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## Gruelling build-up for Australians

National coach Rudi Gutendorf has put his players through an exhaustive training programme this week in preparation for the tough international series against Czechoslovakia

Twenty-four players assembled in Sydney last Monday for a four-day training camp at Cronulla. Tomorrow (Thursday), the squad will be reduced to 17 players.

The 17-man squad will travel to Canberra on Friday afternoon to build up for the first game against the Czechs at Bruce Stadium on Sunday.

Gutendorf will use the four-day camp to improve the general fitness of the players, as well as to improve the teamwork of the players.

During the day, the players will be subjected to stamina training, including weightlifting, and will play practice matches in the evening.

On Monday night, Gutendorf fielded a team against PSL club St. George. Two teams were

formed on Tuesday night for games with Sydney Olympic and Sydney City, with a game against Marconi scheduled for tonight (Wednesday).

The 24 players in the provisional squad are: **GOALKEEPERS:** Martyn Crook (West Adelaide), Greg Woodhouse (A-PIA).

**DEFENDERS:** Jim Tansey (Heidelberg), Steve Perry, Vic Bozanic (West Adelaide), Tony Henderson, Ivo Prskalo (Marconi), Kevin Mullen (Sydney City), Bobby Russell (Adelaide City).

**MIDFIELDERS:** Arno Bertogna (Newcastle), Jimmy Rooney, Jim Campbell (Heidelberg), Peter Boyle (West Adelaide), Joe Piccioane (Footscray), George Christopoulos (South Melbourne), John Coyne

(Brisbane City). **FORWARDS:** Gary Cole (Heidelberg), John Kosmina (West Adelaide), Tommy Cumming (Essendon Croatia), Mark Jankovic, Eddie Krncevic, Peter Sharne (Marconi), John Nyskobus (Adelaide City), Phil O'Connor (A-PIA).



Jim Campbell

## Games in five cities

Czechoslovakia's Australian Itinerary:

January 27: v AUSTRALIA, Bruce Stadium, Canberra

January 30: v NEWCASTLE KB UNITED, International Sports Centre, Newcastle

February 3: v AUSTRALIA, Sydney Sports Ground

February 6: v SOUTH AUSTRALIA, Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide

February 9: v AUSTRALIA, Olympic Park, Melbourne

## Wilson capped 62 times

Peter Wilson of APIA remains Australia's most-capped player. He played in 62 internationals. Our most capped players are:

Ray Baartz  
46 Jimmy Rooney  
43 Johnny Warren  
39 Adrian Alston  
34 Doug Ujcekovic  
32 Ray Richards  
31 Billy Vojtek  
31 Jimmy MacKay  
30 Peter Ollerton



2-2 deadlock in  
: Ondrus, Viktor,  
oda, Gogh



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## KB in 'double' act

Philips League team Newcastle KB Utd will double as the Northern NSW representative team for the game against Czechoslovakia in Newcastle on Wednesday January 30

Coach Alan Vest started training his squad for the game two weeks ago, and the line up is yet to be decided. Vest has a squad of 15 players to choose from.

Paul Reaney, Mark Trenter, David Deakin and David Kamasz are the new faces in the Newcastle squad. Reaney played with Leeds Utd in England for many years. Trenter was with Sydney City. Deakin came from Ringwood City (Melbourne) via Townsville Utd. and Kamasz is from local club Edgeworth.

The full squad is: **GOALKEEPERS** — Phil Dando, Jim Preston **DEFENDERS** — Paul Reaney, Bill Summerscales, Roy Drinkwater, Col Curran.

**MIDFIELDERS** — Joe Senkalski, Bret Cowburn, Peter Tredinnick, John Sneedon, Arno Bertogna.

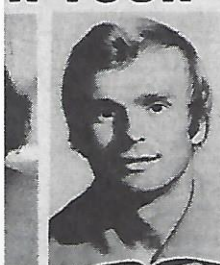
**FORWARDS** — Graham Heys, Mark Trenter, David Deakin, David Kamasz.

The match against Czechs will be played at the International Sports Centre.



The Soccerroos on arrival in Canton during their tour of China (standing from left): Gutendorf, Cole, Tansey, Jankovic, Krncevic, Boden, Anderson (reporter), Dr Kannangara, Woodhouse, Coyne, Gokovic (physio), O'Connor, Bertogna, Crook, Russell, Rooney Front: Prskalo, Henderson, Cumming, Perry, Sharne, Mullen, Tutting, Loague (reporter)

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Talking tactics — Rudi Gutendorf (left), Tony Henderson and Mark Jankovic

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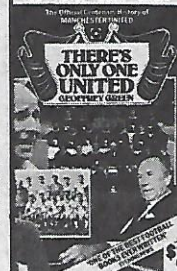
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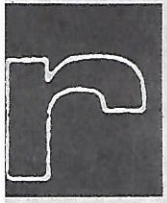
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Steve Kokoska slides in too late too late to stop a powerful shot by Srebrenko Repcic  
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## AND NOW FOR NSW

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The 2-1 victory over Red Star at Olympic Park stands as the most significant yet achieved by the Victorian State team

Under coach Len McKendry, the Victorians now have beaten three out of six touring teams — Partizan Belgrade 1-0, AEK Athens 4-0 and Red Star.

Victoria achieved its victory by playing intelligent, possession soccer, rarely wasting a ball and denying Red Star possession for long periods.

McKendry's men now are looking forward to meeting NSW on March 2. It will be the first match between the States since the 2-2 draw at Middle Park in 1970.

Details of the Victoria v Red Star match:  
VICTORIA 2 (Paton 53rd, Christopoulos 65th) RED STAR 1 (Filipovic 88th) at Olympic Park, crowd 9028

Ratings:  
VICTORIA: Banovic 8 - Yzendoorn 8.5, Kokoska 8.5, Gardiner 9, Davidson 8 - Christopoulos 8, Campbell 8 (Pleioane 80th), Rooney 8.5 - Cumming 8.5, (Tront 88th) Cole 8, Paton 8 (Miltren 67th).

RED STAR: Stojanovic 6 Miletic 7 - Krmpotic 8, Juricak 7, Nikolic 7.5, (Stevanovic 70th) Jovin 6 (Jurovski 6, 55th) - Blagojevic 6, Milosavljevic 8 - Petrovic 6, Savic 6 (Filipovic 7, 55th), Repcic 6.5

Referee: Stewart Mollings 7.



Who's fouling who? A tangle of arms in this confrontation between Srebrenko Repcic and Victoria's John Yzendoorn



Red Star lines up before its loss to Victoria at Olympic Park Pictures by LES SHORROCK.



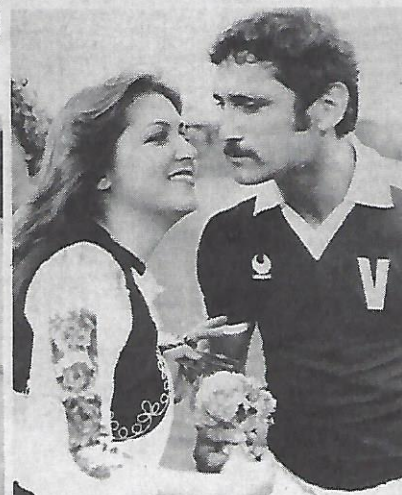
Steve Kokoska (on ground), brings down Red Star striker Dusan Savic (No 9), with Alan Davidson (front) and Jimmy Rooney (right) standing by



Zoran Filipovic — scored Red Star's goal four minutes from the end



It was a memorable night for George Christopoulos (left) who scored a goal in his debut for Victoria. His team mates, from left, are: Alan Davidson, Gary Cole and Jimmy Rooney



Steve Kokoska gets a kiss from a lovely lady in Yugoslav national dress before kick-off at Olympic Park

## NSW shipped

Famous Yugoslav club Red Star Belgrade thrashed New South Wales 5-0 at the Sydney Sports Ground last Sunday.

The Yugoslavs strode confidently to victory with goals from Filipovic (2), Repcic and Petrovic (NSW defender Kevin Mullen had the misfortune of scoring an own goal).

Due to publication deadlines, 'Soccer Action' is unable to print a full report on the game in this week's issue. However, in-depth coverage will appear in next week's issue.

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# SA to follow Victoria's lead?

By FRANK PANGALLO

South Australia's coach Edmund Kreft wants the State squad to be kept in regular training all year round

His belated plea came soon after Red Star's embarrassing 6/0 romp over an ill-equipped SA side at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Kreft offered token resistance as the Yugoslavs asserted command and meted out a punishing lesson in total attacking football.

Kreft rallied to the defence of his players, claiming he didn't have enough time to prepare his squad for the crack Yugoslav side.

"I wasn't disappointed at all. They gave their best under the circumstances," Kreft argued.

"We were at least two yards behind in fitness which is understandable considering many of the players have only just begun full training and were caught out of season."

Kreft overlooked the fact that Red Star was also playing between seasons.

Kreft says he wants his squad to train together at least once a week during the year, twice a week a fortnight before a match, and be involved in fortnightly trial matches.

"We just can't go on in the present situation."

"It's not fair to the players or the people who come to watch," he said.

"I'm sure if we followed the

suits."

Excuses aside, it was evident from kick-off that SA lacked the technical expertise and flair of the tourists, who shrugged off their out-of-character performance against the Victorians with ruthless zest and authority.

As has happened in the past, SA's confidence was shattered early in the match because the defence conceded relatively "soft" goals.

Red Star skipper, Vladimir Petrovic, cleverly caught goalkeeper Martyn Crook out of position in the ninth minute when he glided a superb free kick over a wall of defenders and into the top right corner of goal.

The SA defence hardly had time to recover when Blagojevic capitalised on a defensive blunder and chipped the ball into an empty net.

After Milosavljevic went through the defence to slot the ball home in the 20th minute, the game was well and truly over for the ragged locals.

The brilliant Petrovic and the creative Dusan Nikolic tore SA's lacklustre midfield to shreds throughout the first half while a loose-checking defence found the flare and fluid rhythm of strikers Dusan Savic, Srebrenko Repcic and Milosavljevic beyond them.

RED STAR 6 (Petrovic 6, 21; Blagojevic 8, 75; Milosavljevic 19; Borovnica 61) d. SOUTH AUSTRALIA 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium.

RED STAR: Jukovan 7; Krmpotic 8; Jovin 8; Nikolic 9; Miletic 7 (Jurovski 65); Juricak 8; Petrovic 9; Blagojevic 8 (Borovnica 8 half time); Savic 8 (Milosavljevic 8 half time 8); Milosavljevic 9; Repcic 8.

SA: Crook 4, B. Nyakohus 8; Stanczak 5; Maricic 5; Bozanic 5; Kolecki 5 (Welsh 62); Dooley 5; Brown 5; J. Nyakohus 7; Kosmina 7; Key 5 (Loane 59).

freely from the rear, compounding SA's problems.

Petrovic picked up his second goal off a rebound from Crook to leave the tourists 4-nil up at the half time break and on the way to eclipsing their 6-1 scoreline of three years ago.

The clinical dissection of SA football continued soon after the resumption when the irrepressible Petrovic figured in yet another goal after he drew out three defenders deep in the box before squaring the ball for substitute, Borovnica, to polish off a great tactical move.

Crook was found wanting in the 75th minute when Milosavljevic combined with Borovnica to score Red Star's sixth, and his second.

From a national point of view Crook's indifferent performance may have dented his hopes of ousting Gred Woodhouse from the number one spot. He certainly would need to produce a reversal of form to hang on to his place in the squad.

The luckless Crook seems to

duce the brilliant form he display with West Adelaide.

SA made a gallant effort to retrieve lost ground in the second period, but by then there was a canyon of class and experience between them and the Yugoslavs.

While John Kosmina appeared to be the sharpest point front, the attack was as blunt as last month's razor. With little assistance coming from midfield, SA's strikers were starved of any chances and were well contained by Red Star's stylish defence.

Noices Tim Brown, Chris Key and Zoran Maricic were bewildered by the deft Red Star teamwork but would have gained much in experience.

Kreft plans to stick with the same basic squad, adding one or two other PSL players, for the international against Czechoslovakia on February 6.

Is SA to avoid another humiliating hiding a firm reappraisal of the situation at State level must be made to curb the apparent deterioration.

SA's standing will continue to suffer irreparable harm —



Red Star goalkeeper Jukovan fails South



# The long march

LAURIE SCHWAB  
reports on the soccerroos' unbeaten tour  
of China and Taiwan

Although most games were against weak opposition, Australia's China tour was useful in enabling Rudi Gutendorf to put together a new national team.

Most of these players will be there when Australia lines up against its first World Cup opponent in 1981.

The tour served to fill at least nine of the 11 positions in the national team.

These nine players seem sure to hold their places: Greg Woodhouse, Steve Perry, Ivo Prkalo, Tony Henderson, Jim Tansey, Jimmy Rooney, Ken Boden, Eddie Krncevic, and Tommy Cumming.

This leaves two positions to be filled from among the remaining 11 squad members and one or two others — Joe Picciano of Footscray, Vic Bozanic of West Adelaide or Jim Campbell of Heidelberg, for example — who were not on the tour.

Gutendorf could not have been fairer in giving everyone a chance to show what he can do, although he did tend to go overboard with the number of substitutions he made.

Some players did not travel well. Peter Sharne, Mark Jankovic, John Coyne and Bobby Russell for example, did not reach the standards they set for themselves back home.

Stopper Arno Bertogna, the Western Australian playing for Newcastle KB United, consolidated his place in the squad, and perhaps even in the first 11, after almost being dropped just before the tour.

Gutendorf demanded his exsulation after Bertogna failed to fly from Newcastle to Sydney for a training session but now Gutendorf hails him as "Australia's new Manfred Schaefer."

Ironically, former national coach Rale Rasic attached that title to Bobby Russell just before the tour started.

Unfortunately for Bertogna, Tony Henderson remains the more versatile and therefore the more valuable player.

Only if Henderson remains in midfield will Bertogna retain his position as stopper.

If Henderson returns to centre back, Picciano or Campbell or perhaps Gary Byrne, may slot into the team as the third midfielder alongside Boden and Rooney.

Certainly Gutendorf will have to strengthen the team's midfield to do well against stronger teams.

It's fine using four forwards and attacking with gay abandon against weak teams but this style would be suicidal against stronger opposition like Czechoslovakia.

Finally, my compliments to Gutendorf, tour leader Vic Tutting, physiotherapist Ljubo Gokjovic and Dr. Siri Kannangara who worked hard at their demanding tasks.

The best players of the tour, in my opinion, were: 1. Tansey, 2. Krncevic, 3. Perry.  
Goalscorers: 9. Krncevic; 3. Cole, Boden; 2. Cumming, Henderson; 1. O'Connor, Sharne.

The Soccerroos tumbled off the human anthill that is Hong Kong on November 7 and were confronted by the first of a series of cultural contrasts that would characterise their historic tour.

Hong Kong screamed. Peking was calm, functional, pure of the ostentation of the west.

This is the heart of China, unsullied so far by the forces which turned Hong Kong into a slavish disciple of the dollar, and I wonder how China will filter out all that garish neon glare as it opens its doors wider to the world.

After much uncertainty, during which proposed matches in South Korea, the Philippines and Indonesia were cancelled, the Soccerroos enter China by train after going through two check-points and walking across a bridge at the border.

On arrival in Canton, coach Rudi Gutendorf, as unpredictable and flamboyant as ever, startles players and onlookers alike by leading his men on a run around the big railway car park. A session of gymnastics follows as the Chinese stare and giggle.

After a three-hour flight to Peking, we learn that none of Australia's games will be against the Chinese national team. The vice-president of the Chinese Football Association, Chen Jialing, says China's national team dispersed after its tour of Europe, but we are to hear later that China is, in fact, competing elsewhere in Asia.

Although we expect to see differences between Chinese and Australian soccer, it quickly is apparent that in some aspects, the game is the same world-wide.

When asked to name the coach of the Shandong Province team which is to be Australia's first opponent in Peking, Mr Cheng says: "I don't know. Coaches change all the time."

The Nationalities Hotel is spartan but comfortable enough. We have a choice of Chinese and western dining rooms, but Gutendorf and Doctor Siri Kannangara decided that the western food may minimise digestive disorders. Not so. There is a run on Dr Kannangara's medicine cabinet.

Greg Woodhouse, the young goalkeeper from APIA, is the first training casualty. During a session on a paved basketball court, Woodhouse falls heavily on the side of his face and is ruled out for the first game.

Despite severe abrasions to his face, Woodhouse comes down to lunch, only to shuffle away again, mumbling "I'm crook. I'm going back upstairs to lie down."

Dr Kannangara and I, accompanied by my genial interpreter Li Fung, spend an embarrassing night at a performance of a Chinese opera about a fish that turns into a woman.

The whole team was to have attended but they have decided against it, so here we sit, surrounded by rows of empty seats booked for the missing Soccerroos.

Over Chinese brandy — coffee in Dr. Kannangara's case — Gutendorf tells us on our return to the hotel that he wants the Soccerroos to have, wait for it... anti-terrorist training.

He reckons he will try to bring to Australia a physical conditioner who prepared West German police special forces who combated the Bader Meinhof terrorists.

"Our boys need the type of iron-like strength of the upper body that the anti-terrorists were able to achieve," he says.

"Physical strength is our most powerful weapon in the World Cup, especially against the Asians."



Tommy Cumming — one of the stars of the tour.



Eddie Krncevic and the Chinese flag.



In the garden of the Forbidden City in Peking, from left: John Coyne, Ljubo Gokjovic (front), Phil O'Connor (rear), reporter Laurie Schwab, Martyn Crook and reporter Tommy Anderson.

He also thinks out loud about the possibility of using medically-approved chemical preparations to optimise physical condition.

"In Scandinavia in particular they are pushing at the border of doping in the preparation of top athletes," he says. "I do not advocate anything illegal or harmful but this is an area we should learn more about."

Dr Kannangara's reaction is short and firm. Forget it!

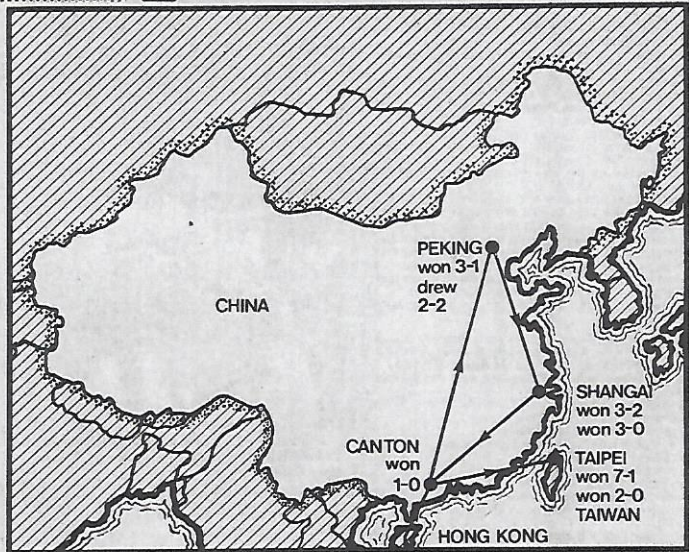
At training in the imposing Peking Workers' Stadium, Gutendorf outlines his blueprint for play. He makes it clear that everything must be based on full backs Kevin Mullen and Jim Tansey attacking up the flanks.

Wingers Tommy Cumming and John Nyskohus will move inside to make room for the full backs. This is the plan he wants will get Australia into the 1982 World Cup finals.

He stresses also the good old formula of guts, determination and hard running.

"Maybe you do not have the skill of the Yugoslavs or the Spaniards but you have big hearts, winning power and, if you work hard, you will not be 11 players against 11 but 20 against 11," he says.

At a banquet in honor of the Australians, we meet the captain of our first opponent, Shandong Province, which won the soccer tournament of the National Games.



tifully restored complex of ornate buildings and gardens which served as the home of China's emperors.

Interpreter Li Fung continues to be our educator in the ways of the Chinese. He has told me about the average wage — about \$40 a month, how the government encourages families to remain small by offering grants to families with no more than two children.

Outside the concubines' quarters in the Forbidden City the talk turns to infidelity and adultery. Not allowed, says Li. What is the punishment, we ask. "You are publicly criticised by the party. 'So what?' 'You lose face,' Li answers earnestly.

Gutendorf, in one of the courtyards flanked by imposing buildings and walls, declares: "I would use these buildings as grandstands and the courtyard as a soccer pitch." And, to a shy but curious attendant staring at Mark Jankovic in the souvenir shop, he says: "You like him? You can buy him. Only 55 dollars."

Earlier, in the hotel, Gutendorf did his block when Jankovic complained he had twisted an ankle while running up the terraces during a Chinese league match to which the Soccerroos had been invited. "You idiot," Gutendorf screamed. "I will send you home. We pay thousands of dollars on your trip and you go running up and down the stairs like a maniac."

Gutendorf shows a flair for substitutions during the first match against Shandong Province at the Peking Workers' Stadium.

Gary Cole batters the Shandong defence into submission when he comes on as central striker at half time and Phil O'Connor dominates the left wing after replacing John Nyskohus.

After a shaky opening 10 minutes during which Gutendorf leaves Ken Boden too far forward and thus concedes the midfield to Shandong, the Soccerroos start to get the upper hand.

Captain Jimmy Rooney is a human whirlwind but it is Steve Perry who deserves most praise. Perry has remained in midfield after doing a good job shadowing Franz Beckenbauer in the victory over New York Cosmos in Sydney, and he excels once more.

When he returns to right back, replacing Kevin Mullen, Perry cuts off Shandong's main avenue of attack, blotting out winger Chang Tsong-fan.

In the near-freezing cold Shandong takes the lead after 55 minutes when Australian goalkeeper Martyn Crook reacts too late to prevent An Chen from heading into the net.

But Australia equalises within seconds. Rooney's corner goes to Perry whose cross is headed hard by Tony Henderson. Shandong goalkeeper Li Chong-wai spills the ball and Ken Boden rams it home. Enthusiastic roars and explosions of firecrackers greet Australia's goal, just as they had greeted the goal by Shandong.

In the 67th minute Perry plays the ball forward to Cole who lashes a powerful low shot virtually through the hands of the goalkeeper to put Australia into the lead.

Phil O'Connor scores the final goal after excellent lead-up work by Peter Sharne and Cole three minutes from the end.

Sharne puts the ball into the net in an offside position just before the end, and there are many other scoring chances during play — three by Jankovic, three by Cole, two by Rooney, one by Boden.

Cole and Jankovic are the leading contenders for the central striker's position. Eddie Krncevic rates only as a substitute. Gutendorf feels Krncevic may lack experience. He's just come from the youth team.

So Gutendorf tells Cole and Jankovic they will play one half each in the next match, against the strong Peking team.

"I am giving both of them a chance. The one who wants the position permanently will have to earn it," Gutendorf says on his way to training in the Workers' Stadium.

The weather has changed dramatically. Yesterday it was relatively mild. Today it is minus nine degrees Celsius. The wind cuts through you. It is so strong it blows corrugated iron sheets off the roof of the grandstand. Crashes echo like gunshots through the arena.

Two days earlier, at the same place, we had been bothered by mosquitoes. None today. Probably died from the cold.

Cole and Jankovic, as well as all the others, miss easy chances during this training session.

"If you do not score here you will never score," Gutendorf screams above the howl of the icy gale. He says he will have to concentrate on correcting this inaccuracy in training sessions on tour and he proves true to his word.

Our faces and hands are numb. When you smile it feels like your face is cracking.

Gutendorf makes two changes to the team that has beaten Shandong. Bobby Russell comes in for his first full match, replacing Kevin Mullen at right back. A former Glasgow Celtic junior, Russell joined Adelaide City via Sydney Croatia.

Phil O'Connor, who moved from St. George to APIA for \$8000 just before the tour, replaces John Nyskohus up front.

All visitors are given tours of Peking's main attractions as part of the warm hospitality lavished on all foreigners.



# The long march

Endorf tells Chinese soccer officials their players must learn how to tackle.

Apparently there is no Chinese equivalent of the word. The one the interpreter chooses after some hesitation also means rape.

No wonder the bi-linguals are chuckling into their napkins.

Tuting announces at the banquet he has invited China to send its national under 19 team on an Australian tour. He now invites Chinese Federation president Li Fongto to accompany the team.

Inspired perhaps by the visit to Peking of Greek prime minister Constantinos Karamanlis, Gutendorf assumes the role of statesman and diplomat at the banquet, attended by the vice-minister in charge of external sport, Lu Jindong.

"My mother and father told me when I was a child that the Chinese were so poor that they couldn't afford to feed their kids," Gutendorf tells the gathering.

"I come from another part of the world and another political system... (at this point Australian embassy officials are starting to wince)... but I think your own system has made the Chinese people happier than they were before. (Noticeable signs of relief all round.)

"Now everyone can feed their families and babies."

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With colleague Peter Logue of Australian Associated Press, I leave the Australian party to visit the Peking Institute of Physical Culture on the outskirts of town. Australia has nothing to compare with this impressive complex which features:

- 10 soccer pitches;
- a shooting range;
- three grounds for field events;
- an indoor running track and gymnasium;
- 24 basketball courts;
- two baseball diamonds;
- eight volleyball courts;
- an Olympic-size indoor heated swimming pool and an outdoor pool that doubles as an ice skating rink in winter;
- a river that will be widened and deepened for rowing.

Founded in 1953 to cater for the Chinese sports boom, the Institute has 1500 live-in students of both sexes and 1000 staff members, half of them specialist coaches.

There are courses to train would-be sports teachers and programmes designed to improve the performances of outstanding competitors.

During a four-year course, a student does sports theory, physiology, politics, a language and has to reach a set standard of proficiency in each of nine sports.

China has at least 10 schools similar to the Peking Institute.

Their most important function is not necessarily to mould champion athletes of today but to foster good health and to produce teachers and coaches with the expertise to give China a steady stream of athletes who may become international champions of the future.

Are you listening, Mr Fraser?

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At the Institute, we hear that China is interested in perhaps hosting the 1988 Olympics.

Deng Xiaoping, vice-chairman of China, is on record as saying it would be "not inconsiderable" for China to stage the Olympics.

A vice-minister of sport, Li Meng Hua, head of the China Sports Federation, has said China will host the 1988 Olympics "if enough of our friends support us."

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After a bruising 2-2 draw with the talented Peking team, it is clear that Chinese players are no puny weaklings to be brushed aside with ease.

Gary Cole's broken fibreglass shinguard is evidence that the Chinese are keeping well abreast of western trends. Their bone-crunching tackles are every bit as strong as those of the Socceroos.

Gutendorf complains with justification about referee Tsao Jing-jien who is too slow with his whistle, awards scores of unnecessary free kicks, fails to award a penalty when Mark Jankovics is floored by a yellow card and shows John Coyne the yellow card... twice!

Australia is hampered further by the cold of minus five degrees Celsius but no amount of excuses can explain away this inept performance.

There is no cohesion between midfield and attack and marking is slack during Peking's best raids.

Only flashes of individual brilliance save Australia from defeat but even in individual play, Australia does not show the same skill as the Chinese.

And as for general team work, Peking leaves Australia for dead.

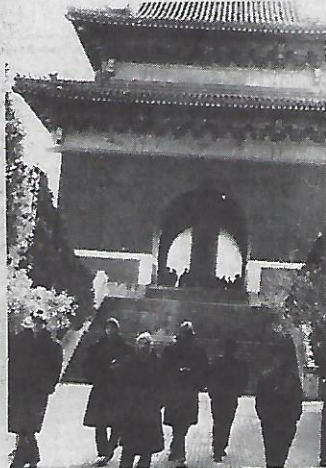
Australia can thank its lucky stars that it has Jimmy Rooney back after a two-year absence.

He is the midfield maestro against Peking, as he was in the 3-1 victory over Shandong.

With Steve Perry marking Peking playmaker Li Hual and Ken Boden spending much of his time in attack, Rooney is left as the only man moving up and down the pitch constantly. When the Australian defence is twisted into knots, Rooney appears to alleviate the danger. If most of the Australian moves break down, it is not Rooney who should be blamed. At least he starts most of them.

Goalkeeper Martyn Crook also shows flashes of brilliance. He dives bravely at the feet of Li Hual who breaks away in the fifth minute and makes a spectacular one-handed save from Hoy Yang Shu at the half-hour mark.

But Crook is lucky not to be sent off the field over a display of temper. In protest against an incorrect corner kick decision, Crook boots the ball towards the



• All rugged up at the Ming Tombs — Jim Tansey (left), Arno Bertogna, Jimmy Rooney, Gary Cole.



Mao's tomb in Peking. In the foreground is team doctor Siri Kannagara.

referee. It does not hit him but such behaviour earns the red card back home.

Apart from Rooney and Crook, the only Socceroos consistently above average are Ivo Prskalo, Phil O'Connor, Jim Tansey and Ken Boden in flashes. Steve Perry sticks resolutely to his task of marking Li Hual.

Yet even these players can do much better, as they are to show in later games.

As was the case against Shandong Province, Australia falls behind early against Peking when Tony Henderson turns a square ball from Shung Shian-fu into his own net in the 21st minute.

Ken Boden equalises from a penalty awarded when O'Connor is fouled by Liu De-li five minutes before half time.

Kevin Mullen replaces Bobby Russell and Gary Cole comes on for Mark Jankovics at half time.

Cole's strength unsettles the Peking defence and his broken shinguard suggests after the game that someone was out to stop him at all costs.

Tommy Cumming puts Australia into the lead after O'Connor has headed on a Tansey free kick but half-time substitute Li Fu Bao levels the score four minutes from the end with a powerful drive that deflects off Mullen's back and wrong-foots goalkeeper Crook.

John Coyne, making his Australian debut, is shown the yellow card for coming on as a substitute before the referee has given formal permission, and again in the last few minutes over an incident behind play.

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Two of the highlights of our stay in Peking are visits to the Great Wall (three hours' drive by bus) and Mao's tomb in Tien An Men square, just down the road from the Nationalities Hotel.

It is minus 10 Celsius on the Great Wall, at the top of a steep hill, and we marvel at its magnitude, we try to imagine the time and the lives that went into building it, as we look towards Mongolia in a gale so strong and cold that we find it hard to breathe. It was as a defence against the Mongolians that the wall was built.

Tien An Men square is a hushed sea of grey and blue, the only colors worn by the Chinese here in winter. Thousands are there, talking in hushed tones which fade



• Cruising on Shanghai Harbour, rear, from left: interpreter Cheung, interpreter Xian, Peter Sharpe, physiotherapist Ljubo Gokovic, Steve Perry saluting, Kevin Mullen, Bobby Russell, Phil O'Connor, Jimmy Rooney, Jim Tansey, John Nyskohus, Martyn Crook, Mark Jankovics, Tony Henderson with head bowed, interpreter Li. Middle: John Coyne (left), Greg Woodhouse, Ivo Prskalo, Arno Bertogna, Ken Boden partly obscured, Eddie Krncevic looking at the ground, Dr Siri Kannagara, Tommy Cumming, Gary Cole, Chinese official. Foreground: Rudi Gutendorf and Vic Tuting.

There's another bad offside call, triggering a fiery outburst from Gutendorf. "You idiot. It's impossible what he makes here. Incredible!"

But there are also things that please him. "Arno is playing well. He's winning everything in the air."

"I'm very impressed with Steve Perry also," he adds.

But after another offside call Gutendorf is back on his feet, urging the players to protest en masse. They do so, rushing at the referee, but he has the poise to wave them away.

In Chinese soccer there is a head referee, seated on the touchline, who has ultimate power and who arbitrates on complaints by either side.

Approached by the irate Australian coach, the head official concedes only that Tsang has made "a few" mistakes.

"This team is stronger than I had thought," Gutendorf says in the dressing room at half time.

"The referee is against us and so are the linesmen. They flag offside for everything, so when you have the ball, go through alone. It's the only way."

Gutendorf still is fuming over Tsang's disallowance of a goal scored by Henderson just before half time. The shot, from a free kick, gave the goalkeeper no chance, but Tsang ruled Cumming was marginally offside.

Australia resumes with Eddie Krncevic at centre forward in place of Cole, and Phil O'Connor on for Jankovics.

Within a minute Shanghai loses its goalkeeper, Liu Won-bing, injured in a collision with Krncevic and carried off on a stretcher.

Boden follows half-time advice, running alone past three opponents into the penalty area where he's floored by an illegal tackle from behind. A blatant penalty but Tsang says it's not.

The last straw! Gutendorf storms to the head official, picks up a ball and in a grandiose act of defiance, boots it hard onto the playing pitch.

He strides back to the Australian bench, picks up a crate of soft drinks supplied by Shanghai officials, walks onto the running track and throws it hard onto the ground.

But O'Connor and Henderson combine to make Gutendorf smile again.

O'Connor holds the ball well and crosses it to Henderson whose low drive beats the grubby substitute goalkeeper, Gao Wai-ping, to put Australia into the lead after 55 minutes.

The Socceroos start playing their own version of aerial ping-pong. "That's the only way with these small Chinese goalkeepers. Beat them in the air," Gutendorf says.

A long cross from Tansey, best on the field, has the desired effect. Krncevic heads it down to Peter Sharpe who scores to give Australia a 3-1 lead in the 66th minute.

John Nyskohus and John Coyne come on for Cumming and Henderson and for a while it's little more than a training game.

Then more fire. Goalkeeper Woodhouse is fouled, loses his temper and throws the ball hard at an opponent. Referee Tsang flashes the yellow card and Gutendorf immediately has Martyn Crook warming up to replace Woodhouse.

"Is he mad? In Europe you are sent off for such stupidity. I will fine him 50 dollars for that," Gutendorf says.

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• Tianjin goalkeeper Li Gi-ming picked the ball out of the net and booted it into the crowd during wild scenes in Shanghai. His coach took him off the field when play resumed. Here is he heading for the dressing rooms in disgrace.



Arno Bertogna (left), Tony Henderson, Ken Boden, Tommy Cumming, Gary Cole and Jim Tansey warm up before Australia's match against Shanghai.



# The long march

But Shanghai scores before Crook has time to come on. Bertogna makes a bad back pass, Cha Yu-hong intercepts it and slips it to danger man Li Chong-hua who makes the final score 3-2.

When Tsang rules offside from a corner, Gutendorf brings the curtain down on a colorful afternoon. "Oh my Gott. Now I have seen everything. I can die now and I have not missed anything."

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We are taken on a cruise of historic Shanghai Harbor, once the hub of Asia's drug traffic, but long since cleaned up by the government. We are permitted to take photos, but not of the few war ships in the harbor.

We meet the president of the Asian Handball Federation, an impressive Pakistani landlord who speaks to you like a king holding court.

He tells us that underneath Shanghai is a network of bomb shelters big enough to accommodate the entire population in the event of war.

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For the next match, against Tianjin, which files down from its base near Peking, Gutendorf drops Woodhouse and Bertogna over their indiscretions against Shanghai.

A few days earlier, Gutendorf fined Cole and Tansey \$10 because they were 10 minutes late for breakfast.

Cole, incidentally, has established himself as chief joke-teller and head of the team choir. Reporter Peter Logue is running a close second, but Bobby Russell fancies himself as the best of the singers.

Vic Tutting has his own theme song. Wherever he makes a speech, the Soccerroos introduce him by humming the Dick Tracey theme. Tutting is the solver of all cases.

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Ken Boden is injured and will miss at least one match due to a foot injury. His place against Tianjin goes to John Coyne.

Krnecvic, excellent when he came on as a substitute, is to be given the centre forward position ahead of Cole and Jankovics.

Gutendorf considers giving Tommy Cumming a rest, but decides against it. "Tommy has been excellent in all games. He dominates his flank completely," he says of the tiny Victorian who has captured the public's imagination with his bullocking runs.

Sharne holds his place although Gutendorf is unhappy with the winger's performance against Shanghai.

"He's not efficient enough," Gutendorf says. "He gets into bad positions where it's not easy to pass him the ball. We need a midfielder who can bring Sharne into action with those long balls that enable him to use his great speed."

Maybe Joe Piccione is the man we need to provide that service. Even after making allowances for the short time this squad has been together, Gutendorf is far from satisfied.

"We are not able to control the game. We are nervous, we make wrong passes. I am concerned by the lack of skill of some players, especially Gary Cole."

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Tianjin's players threaten to walk off the pitch during a turbulent match which Australia wins 3-0, with all three goals coming from Eddie Krnecvic in front of 35,000 people at Hung Kao Stadium.

The Chinese protest angrily to referee Sha Tsang Fa after Krnecvic scores his second goal. They argue it should have been disallowed because when Jimmy Rooney started the move with a corner kick, the ball was not within the corner circle.

Led by goalkeeper Li Gi-ming who is gesticulating wildly, the Tianjin players mob the referee and then race to the sideline to complain to the head official.

When they fail to get satisfaction, some players stay off the pitch. Centre forward Chen Jing-gang tries to restore order by dragging goalkeeper Li away from the referee. Li runs to his own goal, picks the ball out of the net and boots it defiantly into the crowd.

It takes five minutes to restore order and restart the game.

Prskalo, Mullen and Krnecvic are the stars of Australia's victory. It is a better performance than the ones against Shanghai, Peking and Shandong Province, but Tianjin is no better than a moderate Australian State League side.

The return of midfield general Rooney is what makes the difference. He is the only man with the poise to steady down the play. His delicate clips and his ability to win the ball in tackles are valuable attributes.

In fact the entire four-man Victorian contingent — Rooney, Tansey, Cumming and Cole when he comes on as a substitute — is impressive.

Gutendorf inflated their egos before the game by telling them in private that they definitely would be in the 1982 World Cup squad. They are the only players with such an assurance to this stage.

Krnecvic scores the first goal of his hat-trick in the fifth minute when he heads home a left-wing cross from Tansey.

His disputed second goal comes in the 23rd minute and the third by courtesy of the Chinese substitute goalkeeper, Wan Jien-an in the 54th minute. Krnecvic shoots from 30 metres, and the ball bounces off Wan's chest and face, into the net.

Sharne and Jankovics also have chances to score and Cole hits the post.

Tianjin's attacks are feeble but it takes all the talent of Marty Crook to prevent Ji Yu-bo from scoring with a header from eight metres in the second half.

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It has been cold in Shanghai. The sun that greeted us disappeared as the cold followed us down from Peking.

We hope for warm weather in Canton as we board the plane but although we do have a few pleasant days there, the cold from the north catches us here as well.

It is on arrival in Canton that we learn about who our opponents are to be in Taiwan.

The first, we are told, will be "Taipei Banks," purportedly the champion of Taiwan. This turns out later to be the Taiwan City Bank, which is not the Taiwanese champion as Taiwan doesn't even have a regular league.

Only one of the two games is to be against Taiwan's national team.

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The Canton Hotel is a pigsty. The landings on each floor are almost big enough for a soccer pitch. Mosquito nets hang over the beds but it is a noisy cat outside that keeps me awake most of the first night.

The two high-rise wings of the hotel overlook a central garden traversed by paths. In front of it, a new wing is a large goldfish pond, hugging a swank restaurant where you are required to pay in western currency.

The American embassy occupies the penthouse of the new wing.

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We learn that we are to lose a second player from the touring party. Joe Senkalski of Newcastle went home from Peking to get treatment for a hamstring injury.

Phil O'Connor is to leave for Sydney from Hong Kong to be with his wife, who is expecting a baby.

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Another puzzle is introduced to this magical mystery tour after a day in Canton.

The Soccerroos, looking forward to the challenge of meeting Canton, the reigning Chinese champion, are told that the game will be not against Canton, but the Canton Army team.

Local officials maintain that Canton is away in another town training for an international game against Hong Kong... in January!

The Canton Army apparently finished 11th in the Chinese championship.

One man who couldn't care less about the opposition is Australian captain Jimmy Rooney.

Rooney, who turned 33 on the tour, is looking forward to his 88th game for Australia at the Viet Su Stadium, which looks more like the Coliseum than a football ground.

He will thus overtake Attila Abonyi who played 88 games, to move into second place behind Peter Wilson, Australia's longest-serving Soccerroo, who played 115 matches.

Forty-five of Rooney's total to this stage were full internationals and he scored seven goals for the Soccerroos.

Barring injuries, Rooney should overtake Wilson's record late this year or during the World Cup qualifying series in 1981.

His voice thick with that nagging cold, Rooney says that the present Soccerroos have the potential to be the finest national team Australia has had.

"There's a lot of speed in players like Sharne, Krnecvic, O'Connor, Cumming and Jankovics and in sharp contrast with past teams, goals are coming easily," he says.

"Sure, we haven't been setting the world on fire on this tour but that's because Rudi is experimenting, looking for the best combination."

Lack of training facilities in Peking and Shanghai



Tudi Gutendorf on the Great Wall. He revealed during the tour that he is writing a book about his experiences around the world.

## ALL MATCH DETAILS

**Details of the Soccerroos' tour of China and Taiwan, with player ratings out of 10.**

**Shandong Province 1 (An Chen 55th) Australia 3** (Boden 56th, Cole 67th, O'Connor 67th) in Peking, crowd 80,000.

**Shandong Province: Li Chong-wai 4 (Wai Chi-hong 68th) — Li Won-chien 7, Ziang Hongchian 6 (Chou Shing-guang 68th), Yang Pai-huang 7, Wang Bau-chang 8 — Chang Low-di 7, Dai Ren-zhan 6 (Yuan Chi-han 6, half time) Ying Yi-sen 7 (Gai Yu-chien 85th) — An Chen 8, Chiang Sheng-yuang 7, Chang Tsong-fa 7 (Fang Hua-ling 80th).**

**Australia:** Crook 7 — Mullen 6 (Cole 8 half time), Prskalo 6, Henderson 7, Tansey 8 — Perry 8, Rooney 8 — Nyskohus 6 (O'Connor 8, half time), Jankovics 6 (Krnecvic 75th), Boden 8, Cumming 7 (Sharne 81st).

**Peking 2 (Henderson own goal 21st, Li Fu Bao 8th) Australia 2** (Boden penalty 40th, Cumming 66th) in Peking, crowd 40,000.

**Peking:** Wang Jue-sen 5 — Chang Dong-ping 7 (Ma Jin-jing 65th), Wan Yung, Sha Bau-chu 8, Lu Li-fu 7 — Hong Yung-shu 8, Liu De-li 7, Li Hui 7 — Li Wei-shiao 8 (Yo Jing-liang 67th), Shung Shian-fu 6 (Li Fu-bao 7 half time), Yu Jing-liang 7 (Liu Chi-chien 79th).

**Australia:** Crook 8 — Russell 6 (Mullen 6, half time), Prskalo 7, Henderson 8, Tansey 8 — Perry 8, Boden 8 (Coyne 77th), Rooney 9 — Cumming 6, Jankovics 6 (Cole 8, half time), O'Connor 7 (Nyskohus 70th).

**Shanghai 2 (Chu Yu-hong 4th, Li Chiang-Hus 82nd) Australia 3** (Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th) in Shanghai, crowd 40,000.

**Shanghai:** Liu Wen-bing 6 (injured), Gao Wai-ping 5, 46th min — Chiang Bin-rao 6, Chu Ming Liang 7, Chang Wai-shing 7, Lu Ly-shing 7 — Shi Chi-Kang 6, Chu Be-ling 7 — Li Chong-hua 8, Lu Miao-sen 7 (Suong Huang-ming 6, 65th), Chu Yu-hong 8, Chang Chi-gang 5 (Lu An-kang 6, 38th).

**Australia:** Woodhouse 7 (Crook 83rd) — Perry 8, Prskalo 7, Bertogna 7, Tansey 9 — Jankovics 6 (O'Connor 6, 5 half time), Henderson 7 (Coyne 70th), Boden 6.5 — Sharne 6.5, Cole 6 (Krnecvic 7, half time), Cumming 8 (Nyskohus 67th).

**Tianjin 0 Australia 3** (Krnecvic 5th, 23rd and 54th) in Shanghai, crowd 35,000.

**Tianjin:** Li Gi-ming (Wan Jien-an 5, 28th) — Feng Tian-bao 5, Shung Chi-tai 5, Wan Guan-tai 5, Ji Yu-bo 6 — Wan Chung-fa 4 (Lu Hong-shan 4, 65th), Chuang Shu-shen 7, Wu Tse-ming 6 — Wan Yu-jien 6, Chen Jing-gang 6, Chang Guai-lai 7.

**Australia:** Crook 7 — Mullen 9, Prskalo 9, Russell 7, Tansey 8 — Coyne 6, Henderson 6 (Jankovics 6, half time), Rooney 8 (Cole 70th) — Cumming 8, Krnecvic 9, O'Connor 7 (Sharne 8, half time).

**Canton Army 0 Australia 1** (Krnecvic 61st) in Canton, crowd 30,000.

**Canton Army:** Chu Sha-jin 7 — Yi Tso-Juang 7, Luang Hsiao 9, Chang Yang-chao 10, Her Wei 8, Chen Yi-min 9 — Chang Shu-ren 6 (Ma-shen 68th), Tsen Jing-shing 6, Chang Ji-chang 9 — Wan Gao-lung 6 (Yang Wei-shang 72nd), Tsen Shung-hue 6.

**Australia:** Woodhouse 6 — Perry 8, Prskalo 7, Bertogna 7, Tansey 10 — O'Connor 6 (Sharne 6, 38th), Henderson 7, Boden 7 (Cole 6, 59th), Rooney 6 (Sharne 6, half time) — Cumming 7 (Coyne 6, 65th), Krnecvic 7.

**Taipei City Bank 1 (Sen-Ur Cheung 60th) Australia 7** (Krnecvic 8th, 23rd, 33rd, 53rd, 55th, Henderson 25th, Cole 59th) in Taipei, crowd 1500.

**Taipei City Bank:** Han Chen Chen (Chen - hsing Lee 5, 30th) — Sheu-chi Wu 7, Ming Chun Shen 5, Yun Cheng Wu 5, Ting Tsia Tsai 5 (Pu Ping Hsu 80th) — Chen Wu Chung 6, Den San Du 6, Gin Ying Wu 6 — Chen Jen Yu 5, Sen Ur Cheung 8, Den Chen Du.

**Australia:** Woodhouse 7 — Mullen 8, Prskalo 8, Bertogna 8, Tansey 9 (un 65th) — Henderson 7 (injured, sub Coyne 7, 35th), Rooney 7 (Sharne 6, half time) — Jankovics 7, Krnecvic 9, Cole 6, Cumming 7 (Russell 6, half time).

**Taiwan 0 Australia 2** (Cumming 43rd, Cole 74) in Taipei, crowd 2000.

**Taiwan:** Chan Jung-Sun 7 — Yung Fu Sun 6, Chen Chin 8, Sue Tse Tsin 7, Sue Ming Hong 6 (Wu Chiao Sing 78th) — Jung Kim Moo 7, Chen Chung Foo 7, Cho Chung Foo 6 — Lo Tse Chung 6 (Fang Yung Long 80th), Chang Ko Che 6, To Tung Chen 6.

**Australia:** Woodhouse 7 (Cook 78th) — Perry 7, Prskalo 7, Bertogna 7, Tansey 8 (Mullen 78th) — Henderson 8, Rooney 7 (Jankovics 75th) — Sharne 6 (Cole 7, half time), Boden 9, Krnecvic 7 (Coyne 82nd), Cumming 8.



• Eddie Krnecvic scored five goals against the Taipei City Bank, so two men were assigned to mark him in the next match, against Taiwan. Here they are, putting on the pressure as Krnecvic goes up for a header.



• Gary Cole (foreground) and Eddie Krnecvic, with their opponents during the match against the Canton Army team.



• Ivo Prskalo — the general marshals his troops in Canton.



Team-mates congratulate Eddie Krnecvic (No. 19), hat-trick hero of the 3-0 victory over Tianjin. From left: Phil O'Connor, Jimmy Rooney, John Coyne, Bobby Russell, Krnecvic, Jim Tansey, Ivo Prskalo, Tony Henderson.



# The long march

where the stadiums were too far away, also hampered us. The boys want to get out with a ball, but there's nowhere to go."

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The Soccerroos embarrass tour leader Vic Tutting by walking out of a Chinese dance performance in a city theatre. The players reckon they're bored.  
"I'm disgusted," says Tutting. "The Chinese went to a lot of trouble to organise the night for us. There's no reason why the players could not have stayed until the end."

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When the Soccerroos pull up at the Viet Shu ground for a training session, the scene resembles the Melbourne Cricket Ground when finals tickets go on sale.

Fans are waiting in long queues for the ticket windows to open. Our interpreter, Li Fung, who has been with us since Peking, together with two of his comrades, tells us that the fans started to line up at 4 am.

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Eddie Krncevic scores his fourth goal in as many days as the Soccerroos, inspired by a brilliant performance by Jim Tansey, beat the Canton Army 1-0.

Tansey dominates the left flank and delivers the cross that leads to Krncevic's winning goal in the 61st minute. The win leaves the Australians unbeaten after five matches in China. Now it's off to Taiwan, via Hong Kong.

The Canton Army provides the Soccerroos with their toughest opposition so far.

Having assessed Australia's strength in the televised 2-2 draw with Peking, the Army team plays a tight defensive game, with a sweeper behind two centre backs, and only one striker up front.

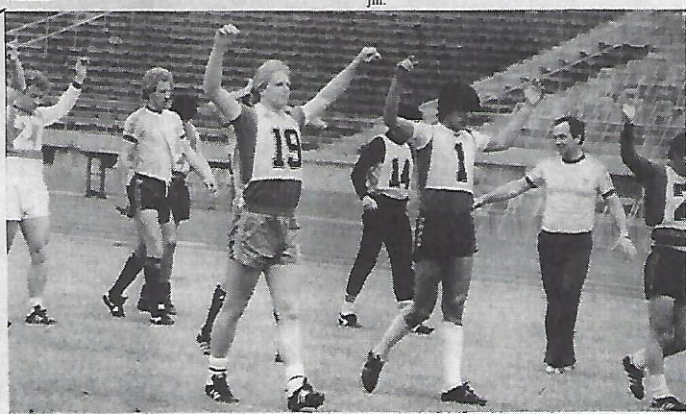
The Soccerroos, especially Tansey and right back Perry, keep battering away at that steadfast defence but with Krncevic and Cumming marked tightly, there is no way through.

Gutendorf brings on Sharpe at half time to provide width and speed in attack and instructs his players to try to draw out the Chinese backs.

Just after half time, he replaces Ken Boden with big



● Gutendorf gives goalkeeper Woodhouse last-minute instructions before the game in Canton. Back in Shanghai, Gutendorf had fined Woodhouse over a display of temper during a match.



Physiotherapist Ljubo Gojkovic (second from right) puts the team through its paces. From Left: O'Connor, Henderson, Boden, Cole, Mullen, Krncevic, Rooney.



Australia and Taiwan — they'll be opponents again in the World Cup qualifying games next year.

Gary Cole to give Australia more strength in the air. It was off immediately when Cole goes up to chest the ball down to Krncevic who scores the only goal.

The Chinese show skill and speed and their keeper, Ching Yang-chao, is an excellent all-round player but their emphasis on defence means that Australian goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse has only two shots to save during the 90 minutes, and neither worries him.

While Tansey is by far the best on the ground, Australia has other stars in Perry, Bertogna and Prskalo. Boden has a few spectacular runs and Nyskohus is excellent in midfield after coming on as a substitute late in the first half.

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In Hong Kong, we lose not only O'Connor but also John Nyskohus who heads home in anguish after hearing that his mother is seriously ill in Adelaide.

The team farewells Nyskohus and O'Connor from the Lee Gardens Hotel and wish them both luck.

Doug Utjesenovic, Marian Opatich and John Stoddart pay us a visit. Utjesenovic (St. George), Opatich (Beograd, SA) and Stoddart (Sutherland) are on short contracts with one of the Hong Kong teams.

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Taipei and the "other China" is only an hour's flight from Hong Kong by European airbus — very roomy and comfortable.

The airport is named after Chiang Kai Shek, who fled to this island and formed an exile government when Mao came to power.

"China is the enemy," a customs official tells us when we ask why he is tearing open boxes of presents Tommy Cumming has brought with him from Peking.

Jade horses, ivory jewellery boxes and bamboo wall hangings are examined closely.

"Have you anything from China in your luggage?"

That's all the customs officials want to know.

Then, horror of horrors, comes Mark Jankovics, carrying a shoulder bag emblazoned brazenly with "Jian-an Guest House — Shanghai."

They won't permit those subversive words to be seen in public so Jankovics has to turn his bag inside out.

Soccer officials — all from the military — are curious about what we saw and experienced in China but they do not say whether they approve of our visit to "the enemy."

Unfortunately the China experience seems to have been lost on most of the players.

Only a few marvelled at the sights and sounds and the warmth of the people. On the train from Canton to Hong Kong, the others were singing: "Nothing could be finer than to (expletive deleted) out of China in the morning."

Peter Sharpe, nick-named the "Sandwich Kid" because he would not eat Chinese food, had a slap-up western meal in Hong Kong and still is sick at Taipei Airport.

Captain Rooney and defender Ivo Prskalo — the only player to have completed the five tour matches so far without being substituted — are the men in greatest demand as we arrive to be greeted with garlands of flowers and TV cameras.

For the first time the Soccerroos' glamor boy, Rudi Gutendorf, stands in the background as the Press and TV lavish their attentions on Rooney and Prskalo.

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On the evening of our arrival, we are dined and wined at the Army officers' club. The food is delicious.

The next day, when Gutendorf sees the shocking, cut-up, muddy pitch at the city stadium, he threatens not to field his team if it is not improved.

It is only a bluff. The game is to go ahead, with no change to the pitch.

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Eddie Krncevic breaks the Soccerroo goalscoring record by notching five as Australia brushes aside the weak Taipei City Bank team 7-1.

The previous best had been hat-tricks by Archie Blue (1965), Attila Abonyi (two in 1967), Adrian Alston (1970 and 1974), Mike Denton (1970), Peter Ollerton (1977) and Krncevic himself two games earlier against Tianjin.

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Before the match in Canton, standing from left: Gutendorf, Cole, Mullen, Jankovics, Krncevic, Bertogna, Russel, Tansey, Henderson, Dr Kannangara. Front: Nyskohus, O'Connor, Prskalo, Coyne, Boden, Rooney (rear), Crook (front), Cumming (rear), Woodhouse (front), Perry, Sharpe.



Part of the large crowd, plus one TV camera, at the Coliseum-like Canton stadium.

His five games against the Bank give him a total of nine in three matches.

"Best striker in Australia — by far," says his Marconi team mate Prskalo on the way back to the modern Sesame Hotel.

Prskalo, veteran of more than 20 overseas tours with Yugoslav club Velez Mostar before joining Marconi, is Krncevic's mentor. The young striker respects Prskalo's experience and achievements and he listens to the "old man's" advice.

So he doesn't take it lightly when Prskalo mutters: "Unbelievable how you missed those two chances." He is referring to chances from which Krncevic should have scored another two goals.

Another of his Marconi team mates, Tony Henderson, had been saying all along that Krncevic has no peers among the strikers of Australia, but it's taken the scoring feats of the past few days to give Krncevic No.1 ranking ahead of Jankovics and Cole.

Henderson, incidentally, and Cole, score the other two goals against the City Bank. Henderson injures a groin muscle shortly after his goal and has to be replaced.

Although the 7-1 scoreline constitutes the Soccerroos' third-biggest win after the 9-0 against Macao in 1970 and the 8-1 against Combined Services in Singapore in 1967, it does nothing at all for Australia's pride.

Most of the players are disgusted at having to play against a team of such a low standard.

Gutendorf even advises his men not to go overboard with their scoring in the second half, lest no-one turns up for the full international against Taiwan.

A crowd of only about 1500 is at the game against the City Bank. A sports reporter tells me it is a bigger crowd than soccer usually is able to draw. Baseball and basketball are the biggest sports here, reflecting the American influence.

Of the City Bank players, who concede much height and strength to the Australians, only striker Sen Urcheung has above average ability, so it is fitting that he scores the Bank's only goal with a neat chip over Woodhouse.

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"But all were stunned when I told them that to get a top man, they would have to pay up to \$150,000 a year," he says.

"And anyway, I'm not available. I'm on contract with the ASF until at least 1981."

At dinner with General Yang after the game, Gutendorf sits back smugly, basking in the success of his Blitzkrieg attacking soccer, which has given the Soccerroos six victories and a draw on tour.

He scolds General Yang for the defensive way in which Taiwan played against Australia.

It is a frontal attack similar to the ones he made on the mainland where he told officials to put all their best players into the army where they would have more time to train, to pay them twice the average wage and give them cars as bonuses.

"We attacked for the whole game, we hit the post three times, we were robbed of two penalties, we missed from four and five metres and we should have won by at least six goals," Gutendorf tells General Yang. "Your boys did nothing but defend. This is not good."

"It looks like it is the nature of Taiwan to defend — to defend against mainland China, and so to defend on the soccer field."

"You must kick your players up the arse to make the attack."

"Maybe you'll lose the first few games like that, but so what? You're always losing anyway."

After berating General Yang, Gutendorf strides upstairs to the bar (where a bottle of Scotch costs \$50) to impart some words of wisdom to "his boys" over a few victory drinks — the first he has allowed on the tour.

"The way you played on this tour is not good enough, but it is a start," he says.

"We must continue to improve to succeed in the World Cup qualifying games in 1981."

"A player's life is short. You must give everything now. You can think of your wives and children later."

"Now is the time for achievement and to earn money for yourselves and for the game and to realise national objectives."

He then gives the Soccerroos his favorite slogan which, translated loosely, means: "It's a hard road that leads to the stars."

"We will follow that hard road to our goal — the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain," he says with a flourish.

Australia's strongest players against Taiwan were Ken Boden and Tommy Cumming who played half the game in midfield and half in attack and also scored on of the goals with a hopeful shot that went just inside the far post.

Gary Cole, who replaced Peter Sharpe at half time, scored the second goal in the 74th minute after Eddie Krncevic had headed down a cross by Boden.

Krncevic didn't get another goal, but his combination with Boden was excellent. Krncevic went for the ball in the air, and Boden was always there to feed him off.

Only the woodwork prevented a further two goals by Boden and Krncevic. Jimmy Rooney also should have scored but instead of shooting hard from five metres, he tried a slychip which the goalkeeper saved.

## ZIKA NIKOLIC



### DRAMATICAN POČETAK NOVE SEZONE

Utakmica između Footscray JUST-a i PRESTON/Makedonija, koja je odigrana prošlog petka za Ampol Kup, ostala dugo u sjećanju navijača obe tima. Ali ni ostali ljubitelji nogometa, koji su se našli na Olympic Parku te večeri, nisu bili ravnodušni. Loša sreća, koja je pratila Makedoniju prošle godine, opet je odlučila sudbinu "crveno-crnih", koji su po svim pravilima verovatnoće imali pobjedu u početku utakmice, nisu je sačuvali, jer su zabavili da se utakmica igra do zadnjeg sekunda.

JUST je izveo skrajnji sastav, koji nije počeo loše, ali je naglo popustio sredinom utakmice zbog negativne igre Josepa Piciona. Zadržavo je svuvisle lopte, diblovaše do iznemoglosti i anoi krivicu za oba gola, koja je postigla Makedonija na kraju prvog i početku drugog poluvremena. Tada je nastupila kriza u "plavom" taboru, koju Makedonija nije umela da iskoristi. Zahvaljujući promeni, ali najviše ludoj sreći, JUST je za nepunih 60 sekundi preokrenuo tok utakmice u svoju korist. Rade Jovicic je uneo potrebno ožvazanje i kumovao je golovima, koje je postigao preporodjeni Zdravko Lujic.

Dragan Vasic je sa uspehom zamenio Palinkasa na desnom krilu, do j Zoran Iliksi bio solidan bek Junior Varko. Bilo je pobjedo trumu i sa malo vise sreće mogao je da se uplete u strele. Zamenjen je, iako je bilo nekoliko slabijih igrača od njega. Takođe, nije bila mudra zamena Bolenda, koji je branio izvanredno. Istina, ni Peko nije bio loš, ali što bi se uradio us luccu povrede golmana?

Slobodan Jovanovic nije bio loš, jer nije imao dovoljno anage, ali je na sredini igre bio koristan, što se oslobodilo lopta. Isto vazi i za Mirka Rujevica. Ipak, ovaška JUST-ova ekipa ne uliva naročito poverenje. Potrebna su najmanje dva do tri nova igrača da bi novi trener Rocco Ilić mogao sa uspehom da sprovede svoje namere i planove.

U Ampol Kupu JUST ima sansu da se probije do

polufinela, jer je Makedonija bila svakako neposredniji konkurent za prvo mesto. "B" grupa, izbacuje pete uvece, "plavi" igraju protiv Grosse Croase na Olympic Parku. Tada ce biti jaci, jer se moći da igra O'Reilly, a verovatno ce dobiti lapinica i novi igrač Charlie Hendrie, koji je nedavno došao iz Skotске. Na trening utakmicama je pokazao osobine, koje ce osvestiti JUST-ovu navalu. Međutim, bice opasno ako JUST potceni Grosse Croase, što nije nemoguće. Sreća ne moze dve puta da udari u isto mesto.

### ZVEZDA JE VELIKE TIM

Pobeda Viktorije nad Zvezdom je zasluzena, ali nikako ne pokazuje pravi odnos snaga između ove dve ekipe. Steta sto nije obazredjen revanš, jer je Zvezda prvu utakmicu igrala pod nemogućim uslovima. Ubuduće treba voditi racuna o tome, da je aklimatizacija vrlo vazan faktor, bez obzira kakav je kvalitet posujucih tima.

### PRVI TURNIR SPRINGVALA

Mladi i napredni klub Springvale United organizuje prvi turnir jugoslovenskih klubova iz Viktorije, pod pokroviteljstvom JAT-a, koji pokazuje prelazni pahi i nekoliko marših negrade. Turnir treba da se odrzi pre pocetka prvenstvenog sezone. Organizator očekuje sledeće klubove da se prijavu za ovaj turnir: drugi tim JUST-a, Taras, JASK iz Geelonga, Inter-Williamstown, Vojvodina/Wiltona, Plavi Dunav, West Wodonga i Springvale United. Pozeljno je da se prijave svi ostali klubovi amaterskog kluba, koji smatraju da im je mesto na ovom turniru. Prijave slati na sledeću adresu (najdalje do 8. februara): Bosko Amidic, 8 Ellen Street, Springvale, Vic. 3171.

### PRVI JUNIORSKI TRENING

JUST-ovi juniori se okupljaju u petak 25. januara na ovom igralistu u Footscray-u za start u novu sezonu. Svi novi i stari juniori treba da budu na igralistu najdalje do 5 sati, kada ce biti rasporedjeni po godinama i poceti prvi trening. Dolazak roditelja je isto tako obavezan zbog dogovora o radovima, koje treba savršiti ove godine.



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**RALE  
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**Our kids  
streets  
ahead  
of U.S.**

The image projected by the New York Cosmos tends to suggest that if American soccer is not No. 1 in the world, then it soon will be.

But anyone who believes this is fooling himself.

During a recent visit to the U.S. I watched a schools championship, part of which was televised.

The standard of play was abysmal. Australian junior soccer is at least 300 times better.

Some players didn't even know the rules!

And yet the North American Soccer League (NASL) has rules aimed at increasing the number of local players in each of its teams.

The idea is eventually to include only one or two foreigners.

It's fine in theory but from what I saw, the youngsters are not good enough, which suggests that the coaches aren't much good either.

Top NASL coaches like Rinus Michels are busy enough with their clubs and appear not to be concerned with junior soccer.

Cosmos may be a super team and a super organization at the moment but if it had six or seven locals in its team, it would lose its appeal.

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During my visit to the Cosmos, I took the opportunity to discuss a possible link-up between Australian Soccer Camps and the Cosmos camps, staffed by super-stars including Pele and George Chinaglia.

Don't be surprised if we manage to bring out a few superstars for the Australian Soccer Camps early next year.

We aim also to introduce an exchange system between us and the Americans, which is great news for the boys who take part.

Meanwhile, extensions to the Dural (NSW) headquarters of ASC brings the total value of the complex to \$2.5 million.

The complex will be available not only for junior coaching but also as training headquarters for junior teams and for training camps by the Soccercoos.

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My best wishes go to the newest PSL coach, Rocco Ilie, my old friend who has taken over Footscray J.U.S.T.

I've known him for a decade and during this time he has been a brilliant player and a diligent student of the game.

He dedicated two years of full-time study in Yugoslavia to equip himself for his new career as a coach. I'm sure he will do well. J.U.S.T. could not have made a better choice.



Australia's Brett Woods tracks Iraq's Karim during the Lion City Cup final in Singapore

# SO NEAR AND YET SO FAR

Perhaps we could have come home with the Lion City Cup, but finishing runner-up to Iraq in this prestigious tournament in Singapore was no disgrace

By **BILL CURRAN**  
coach of the Australian under 16 team

I will never know whether I was wrong in not making a change during the final or whether we could have beaten Iraq had we not played defensively.

As it was, we had to be content with second place. I congratulate Iraq, but they were assisted by our handicaps — injuries, abysmal accommodation, unpleasant food and hostile spectators.

The tournament opened with a colorful ceremony before a crowd of 30,000.

Teams in their uniform and national dress marched around the wonderful National Stadium. It was a great experience for our young Australian team, which had the honor of playing the first match of the series.

We were a goal up in the first six minutes and went on to score four more in beating Malaysia A 5-0.

This bright start was to bring a back-lash, as the Arab countries, even though they examined our passports, claimed our boys could not be under 16.

The Press gave this headline the following day and from then on, we were given a hostile reception every time we ran onto the field.

Two of our major problems were the food at our hotel and the noise, which was due to the proximity of the other teams. Sleeping was out of the question before midnight.

Despite these problems I was amazed at the effort and fitness shown by the team in all games.

If I had made this report the day after I returned home, I would have stated that so many of the boys were too immature. Now I realise this is not important. What is important is that at club level there is no communication on the two most important aspects concerning a young player — attitude and field discipline.

This was the major problem I had to correct. I had a good, if not total response.

It was a great mistake not taking a physiotherapist with us.

In the final Brett Woods and David Watt came limping off at half time. Clark Anderson was out with a broken bone in his hand, Angelo Petrakos was in hospital, and there were minor injuries during the week.

Never again should this happen at international level.

The most consistent players of the tour were goalkeeper Tony Veneri, full backs Brett Woods and Paul Carter, midfielder Clark Anderson, centre back David Watt and sweeper Angelo Petrakos.

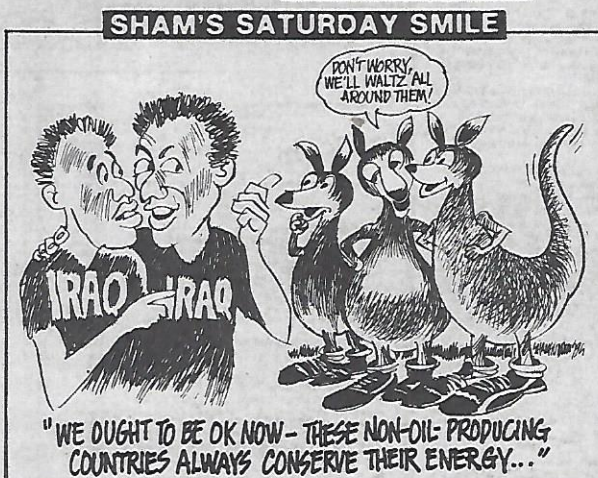
Goalkeepers were: 6. Brian Stark; 4. Woods; Jim Patikas; 2. Stan Dukic; Anderson, Darren Taylor; 1. Rob Erdog.

My basic team was: Veneri (Marconi) — Woods (Auburn), Petrakos (St. Melb Hellens), David Watt (APIA) Carter (Auburn) — Patikas (Sydney City), Anderson (Brisbane Lions), Chris Spanos (Sydney City, ex-Perth), Stark (Marconi) — George Savidis (APIA), Darren Stark (Nth NSW).

Other players used were: Dukic (Canberra), Chris Miner (Newcastle KB Utd), Erdog (Melbourne), Ramon Rossi (St Aust), and David Gilbert (Frankston, Vic).

Strangely, 20 of our goals were scored by midfielders and full back Brett Woods who notched four.

I had the responsibility of selecting this squad during the national championship in Sydney during August and September.



A cartoon in the "Straits Times" before the final of the Lion City Cup

But we had only three days together before leaving for Singapore, whereas Iraq had been to Denmark and Sweden where they won two under 16 competitions.

Saudi Arabia had engaged two coaches from Brazil, at a fee of \$7150 a month, for three months before the Lion City Cup series.

Iraq's players were promised \$3000 each to reach the final. Who knows what they got for winning it!

As soon as we arrived back at the hotel after our 3-0 semi-final win against Singapore A, we were informed that Iraq had moved out to a plush hotel a mile and a half from the stadium to prepare for the final against us.

I realised that Iraq had four match-winners — an excellent midfielder, two wingers and a centre forward. On the Friday morning, during a warm-up, I decided we would go defensive and play only two up front.

The Iraqi midfielder was to be given no room, my centre half Dave Watt was to mark the centre forward and not leave him, and the two Iraqi wingers were to be marked closely by my full backs.

Then the worries began. Brett Woods who had reported after the Thursday semi-final that he had injured his thigh muscle, was seeing the doctor during our warm-up on Friday morning.

He was given pain-killing tablets, to be taken before the final if the pain persisted.

Angelo Petrakos reported ill on Friday after lunch. By 6 pm we had to rush him to hospital with a high temperature. He was kept in hospital with suspected typhoid until Sunday morning.

Meanwhile, Clark Anderson was out with a broken bone in his hand, and so we were left with only two substitutes on the bench.

I was prepared for the final going to penalty kicks. I knew

it would be close. We led at half time by one goal scored by Jim Patikas. Everything was working well in that half.

David Watt received a lot of punishment and was limping when he came off at half time. We could only pour cold water onto his ankle. We had no physiotherapist, as I said earlier.

Brett Woods' injury was beginning to hurt and I was debating whether or not to use one of the two subs, who were both forwards, or take a chance and leave the team as it was.

With 10 minutes to go we were under pressure. Watt was holding his own, but suddenly, out of the blue, we lost our lead when Karim Mehmet scored, and a minute later we were down 2-1 after a goal by the centre forward, Mohammad Hussein.

Hussein scored again after beating four of our defenders, but the third goal didn't really matter. We were beaten.

## HOW THEY FINISHED

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Australia	6	4	1	1	17	2	9
Iraq	6	4	1	1	17	4	9
Bahrain	6	4	1	1	11	5	9
Singapore B	6	3	0	3	14	22	6
Sth Korea	6	2	2	2	9	7	6
India	6	1	1	4	3	11	3
Malaysia A	6	0	0	6	1	19	0

Semi-finals: Australia 3 v Singapore A 0; Thailand 1 v Iraq 3 after extra time.  
Final: Australia 1 Iraq 3

## Two Aussies in all-stars

Singapore's "New Nation" newspaper picked the following all-star team of the tournament:

Goalkeeper — Ebrahim Sultan (Bahrain); Defenders — Brett Woods (Australia), Sulman Dossary (Saudi Arabia), Newar Zedan (Iraq) — (Captain), Supah Phinnul (Thailand); Midfielders — Ayad Hassan (Iraq), Clark Anderson (Australia), Ali Al-Kayal (Saudi Arabia); Strikers — Jameel Jassim (Bahrain), Karim Sharhan (Iraq), Mohammed Hussain (Iraq).

## UNFAIREST OF THEM ALL

Australia finished last in the fair play award of the Lion City Cup tournament after the six preliminary-round matches.

Australia received the most penalty points (sending off 10, yellow card 5, penalty offences 2 and technical 1).

Standings, with penalty points in brackets:  
1. Brunel (76); 2. Indonesia (78); 3. Singapore B (90); 4. South Korea (98); 5. India (106); 6. Malaysia A (107); 7. Malaysia B (107); 8. Hong Kong (111); 9. Saudi Arabia (112); 10. Singapore A (129); 11. Bahrain (129); 12. Thailand (139); 13. Iraq (156); 14. Australia (160).

# UEFA TAXES transfer limit

From **JIM COOK**  
our European correspondent

Under a UEFA rule soon to be ratified, maximum transfer fees for players will be restricted to 500,000 pounds which will be a big blow to English clubs, whose players are being tempted more and more by big pay-offs offered especially by the West German clubs.

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Liam Brady, Arsenal's Eire international midfielder and one of the most accomplished players in Europe, says he intends to leave for the continent when his present contract expires in the summer.

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Another British player could be heading for Germany. Derek Hales, Charlton's controversial striker who had moves to West Ham and Derby for around 500,000 pounds before returning to London with his old club, has been watched several times by a German first division club.

Greek club Panathinaikos wants Manchester United's coach Harry Gregg survivor of the 1958 Munich air disaster, as coach and is reported to be offering a contract worth 40,000 pounds a year.

Hamburg may bid for Southampton striker Steve Williams once Kevin Keegan finds new pastures with Juventus which is reported to be offering the 28-year-old Keegan around 500,000 pounds a season which would make him the highest paid soccer player in the world.

Nikola Jovanovic could have gone to Munich instead of Manchester United. The 24-year-old defender has said United is the most popular foreign team in Yugoslavia. It is reported he received 90,000 pounds as his share of the 300,000 pounds transfer.

Will Austria Wien star Herbert Prohaska be the next foreigner to grace English soccer? Both Brighton and Leeds are quoted to be interested but so also are Inter Milan and A.S. Roma.

Bruce Riech, the former Scotland skipper, has been placed on Derby County's transfer list for the give-away price of 25,000 pounds.

Nick Deacy, the 26-year-old Welsh international striker, has been transferred from Belgian side Beringen to Vitesse Arnhem of Holland.

Yugoslav keeper Milo Nizetic has joined George Best at Scottish Premier League side Hibernian.

Stan Bowles 30, the Queens Park Rangers and former England striker, joined Nottingham for a fee of 250,000 pounds.

France has applied to UEFA to host the 1984 European championship finals. France staged the finals in 1960.

Gyula Lorant of Schalke becomes the fifth Bundesliga coach to be sacked this season. Changes were also made at Munich 1860, Eintracht Brunswick, Fortuna Dusseldorf and Hertha Berlin.

Italy and Spain have lifted their restrictions on foreign players.

Bobby Moore O.B.E. England's most feted footballer when it won the World Cup in 1966, has joined Isthmian Premier League side Oxford City as manager-coach. Moore, who had 18 seasons with West Ham when it won the F.A. Cup and European Cup-Winners Cup, also won 108 caps for England — more than any other Englishman. He finished his playing career with Fulham.

Oxford City is run and owned by F.R.E.E. Newspapers, which owns giveaway newspapers all over the country.

Billy Hamilton, Queens Park Rangers Northern Ireland international striker, transferred to struggling Burnley for a mere 50,000 pounds.

Sunderland paid out a club record fee of 320,000 pounds for Claudio Marangoni, an Argentine World Cup player.

Speculation exists in Italy as to who will succeed national coach Enzo Bearzot when he retires. Two names being freely bandied around for the post are Giovanni Trapattoni of Juventus and Gigi Radice of Torino.

Helmut Schoen, now spends much of his time gardening at his Frankfurt home and going for long walks. His only contact with soccer is through

television and reading the newspapers.

Brighton failed in a bid to land Rainer Bonhof, the West German international now with Valencia in Spain. Brighton and Valencia agreed on the transfer fee but Bonhof priced himself out of the move by wanting more than 1000 pounds a week.

Two former Essendon Lions (Vic) players of around a decade ago, Tom Rosewell and Willie Hamilton, are now coaching Ayrshire Junior Club Hurlford.

Hull City has bought out the remaining seven months of Mike Smith's contract as manager of Walsley for 8000 pounds.

Zdenek Nehoda has been elected Czechoslovakian player of the year for the second time in his career.

Jack Mansell a former English League full back has at 52 been appointed as the first foreigner to coach the Israeli national team. Mansell is ex Reading and Rotherham United.

Eamon Bannon of Dundee United whose three brothers Vince, Pat and Jed all play in Melbourne, had his first international cap for Scotland against Belgium.

Foreign players trailed badly in Press ratings when the Spanish season reached its Christmas break. Austria's Hans Krankl, England's Laurie Cunningham and Dane Allan Simonsen didn't even make the top hundred.

West Germany is reported to have offered its players a massive 7000 pounds each to win the European championship.

Teddy Brightbank, the 23-year-old Brighton striker, returned to his former club Fulham for half the transfer fee the London club got for him, which was 235,000 pounds two years ago.

Scotland's under 21 side showed up its "big brothers" by qualifying for the European Championship Finals, topping its section with one match to play.

## Companies to give us \$1 mil.

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Under the scheme, the ASF will get more than \$1 million from a total of about eight companies, whose names will be released in March.

Most of the money will be spent on the Soccercoos and the national youth team.

The ASF will appoint a full-time marketing director to promote soccer, to produce money-earning souvenir items and to get ASF trademarks onto various products.

A full-time press officer also will be appointed to promote all aspects of soccer, particularly the world youth championships to be staged in Australia in 1981.

And the ASF may produce its own monthly magazine.